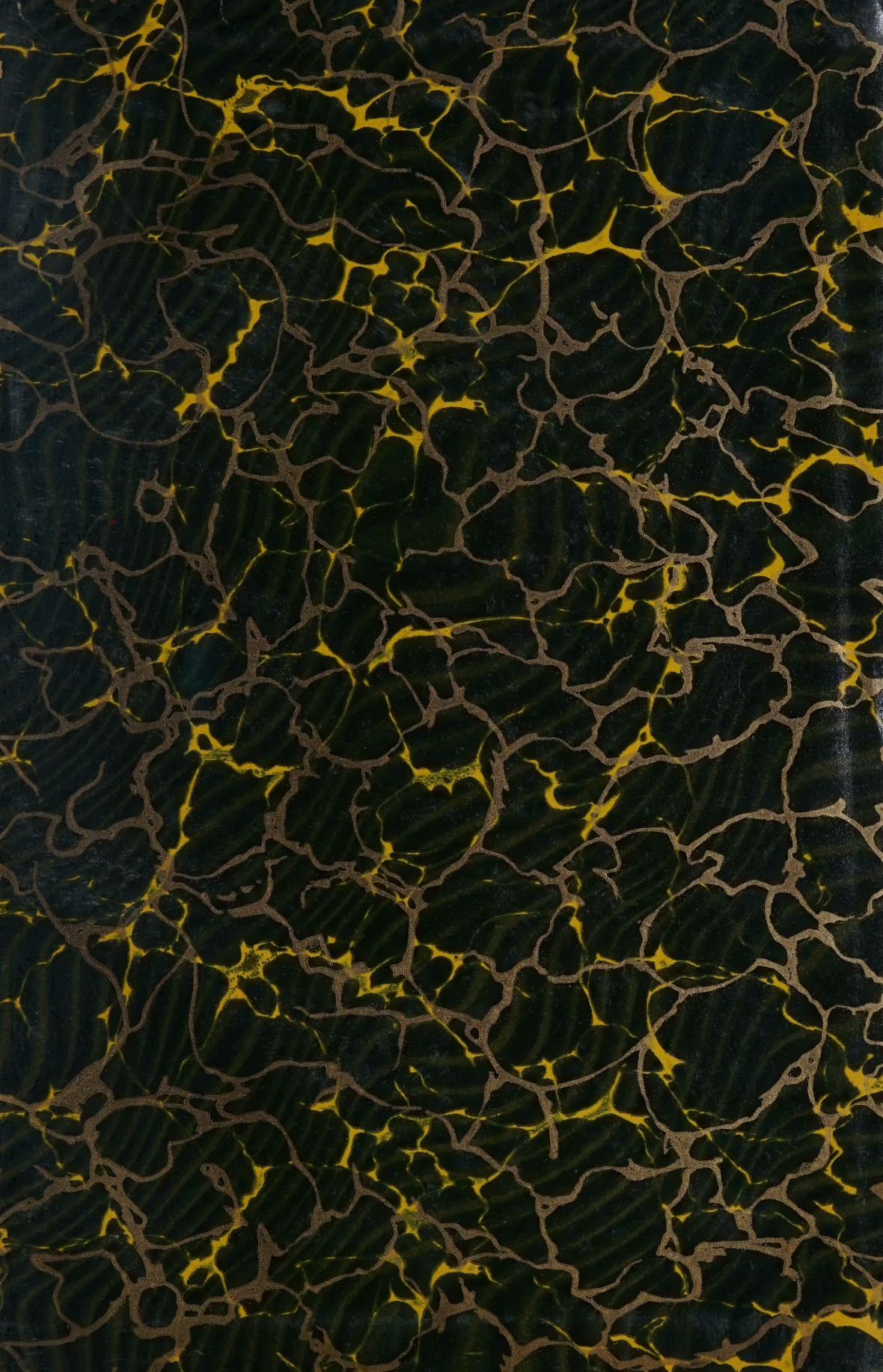


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CONTAINING SUCH FACTS AS THE AUTHOR HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN REGARDING CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ILLINOIS PREVIOUS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER. THIS ACCOUNT IS NECESSARILY FRAGMENTARY AS MANY OF THE OLD RECORDS HAVE BEEN LOST OR DESTROYED. HOWEVER, SOME ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SECURED AND PHOTO-ENGRAVINGS OF A FEW HAVE BEEN INSERTED.

THERE IS ALSO A SUMMARY OF THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER AND SKETCHES OF THE PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS OF THE LAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, AND, IN ADDITION, THOSE OF TWO PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS WHO WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY VOLUME.

THE CONCLUDING SECTION CONTAINS THE PROGRAM OF THE EXERCISES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY HELD IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M., OCTOBER THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR.

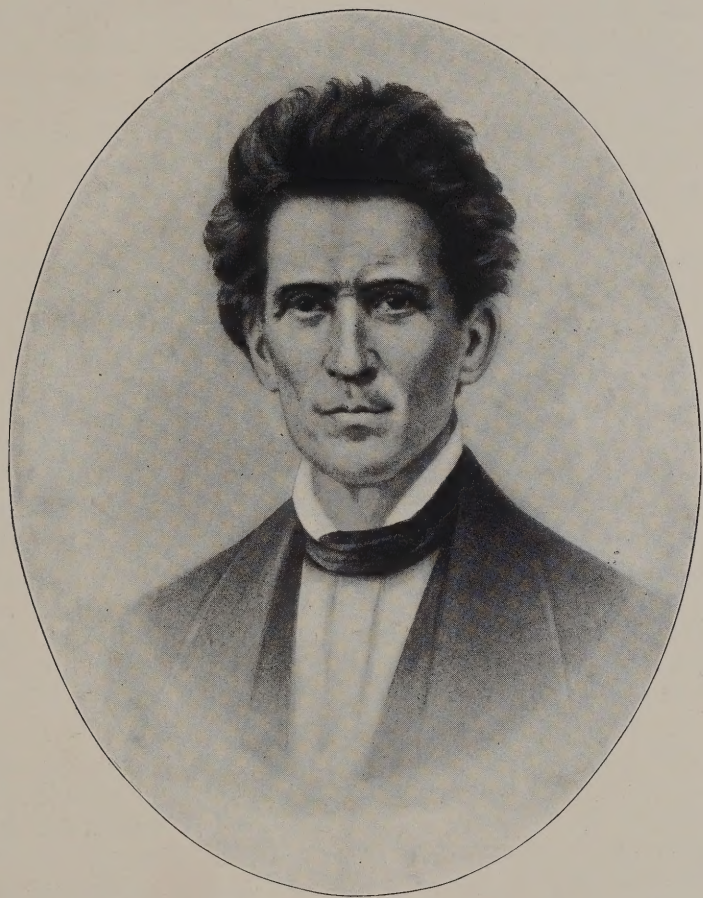
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o those long since departed and forgotten Companions whose undying devotion to the principles of Capitular Masonry has made this Grand Chapter possible and to their numerous successors who have given so freely of their talent and energy to further its influence and usefulness, this volume is affectionately and fraternally dedicated.





WM. B. WARREN
Illinois' First Grand High Priest

PREFACE

IN ASSEMBLING the material for this volume the writer has felt free to call upon numerous Companions for assistance. In every case this has been cheerfully given. To name them all would require too much space but each has the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed his mite towards the success of the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Grand Chapter.

District Inspectors have collected much information for the biographical sketches and a few individuals have prepared sketches. The secretaries of the old chapters have kindly loaned their first records for personal inspection. Those of Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 9 were destroyed by fire many years ago. Most of the early history of Nos. 3 and 8 has disappeared but the records of Nos. 5, 6 and 7 are still complete and from them some new facts have been ascertained and are here presented for the first time.

Especial credit is given to Companion Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary, who has kindly loaned several original papers from his archives; also to Companions Joseph E. Quinby and Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretaries of the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Missouri for their kindness in furnishing copies of some early records of their respective Grand Chapters.

At the annual convocation of 1922 Companion William A. Eichler, newly elected Grand High Priest, on assuming the duties of his office, called attention to the approach of the seventy-fifth anniversary and suggested that preparation should be begun for the proper observance of that important event. On motion the Grand High Priest was directed to appoint a committee to make suitable arrangements for the occasion and to report at the next annual convocation.

The committee consisted of all the Past Grand High Priests in attendance at the fiftieth anniversary celebration:—Leroy A. Goddard, Nathaniel Bowditch, George M. Moulton, Samuel Shannon, George W. Warvelle, Alfred A. Whipple, George F. Henthorne, Sylvester O.

Spring, George W. Curtiss, William B. Carlock, Frederick E. Hoberg, John C. Hallenbeck, Everett R. Turnbull and Wilbur C. Hadley.

This committee reported the next year as follows:

Your committee appointed on plan for celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of this Grand Chapter fraternally recommends that the occasion be properly observed some time during the annual convocation of 1924, which time will complete a magnificent record of three quarters of a century of continuous harmony and good will.

"As the event will mark such an important and successful epoch in the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry, your committee suggests that the celebration be in the nature of a musical and literary feast such as would not only make an impression on the minds and hearts of those present, but be a worth-while contribution to Masonic history in Illinois, omitting the material feast, which is expensive and has no lasting value.

"If this report is approved, all other details of this celebration should be left to such committee of arrangements as may be appointed.

Fraternally submitted by the Committee,

LEROY A. GODDARD,
Chairman."

The report was adopted unanimously whereupon the Grand High Priest, Companion John C. Ferrin, appointed as such committee James K. Lambert, Harry W. Harvey, Harry H. Lostetter, James E. Jeffers, George W. Cyrus, Owen Scott and Clarence W. Harriss.

This committee met in Chicago, May 9th, 1924 and decided to hold the anniversary exercises at eight o'clock P. M. on October 30th, 1924 at a place to be selected. It was also decided to have one thousand suitable commemorative medals struck for the occasion and Companion Harvey was appointed to select the design and procure the medals.

It was voted to have a history of the Grand Chapter prepared and published covering the record of the past twenty-five years; the book to be similar to the one issued in connection with the fiftieth anniversary celebration. Companions E. R. Turnbull and J. E. Jeffers were appointed a sub-committee to prepare the memorial volume.

The sub-committee met and divided the work, Companion Turnbull to prepare all printed matter and Com-

panion Jeffers to superintend the printing and procure all cuts and signatures of Past Grand High Priests.

The work of the sub-committee is now completed and we present for your inspection and approval the Memorial Volume of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois.

E. R. TURNBULL,
P. G. H. P.;

J. E. JEFFERS,
P. G. H. P. and G. Sec'y.

HISTORICAL

WHEN the pioneer Masons of the eastern states contemplated the hazardous journey to the sparsely settled territory of Illinois they had choice of two routes to their new homes—one overland to Pittsburg, thence by the Ohio River to Fort Massac, thence by land to Kaskaskia. Here they organized a lodge and labored for several years.

The other was via the Saint Lawrence River and the Great Lakes to Chicago, whence they departed for their various destinations in the western part of the state.

The first lodge was organized at Kaskaskia in 1806 and soon after several others were chartered, but evil days fell upon those pioneer brethren and when, in 1829, the lights were extinguished in Western Star and Strangers Union Lodges, Illinois again became a place of Masonic darkness. However, after a few years the violence of the anti-Masonic persecution expended itself and lights once more began to shine around Masonic altars. Several members of the various lodges who had received "further light" were anxious to enlighten their brethren who, by reason of frontier conditions, had had no opportunity to secure the chapter degrees. As a preliminary to conferring these degrees it was necessary to procure authority for such action. The organization of a chapter was considered in different places but the first charter ever issued was for

VANDALIA NO. 160.

While inspecting the records of Peoria No. 7 the attention of the writer was attracted by the following statement under date of January 17th, 1848:

"Resolved, that Comp. McNeil confer with the Companions of Vandalia Chapter in relation to purchasing their regalia."

An investigation was immediately started to verify the existence of this hitherto unknown chapter. It was found that the first lodge in Vandalia was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, October 8, 1822, as Van-

A Petition was received and read dated Vandalia
Illinois March 2. 1846 signed by N. H. McGandy A. J. M.
Alvan Washburn R. A. C. No. 2. C. M. Hodge Ashtabula
Chap. No. 3. Ky. A. A. C. No. 2. C. M. Hodge Ashtabula
H. C. Remann No. 18 St. Louis James Clarke, Stephen
Abbott & C. B. Blockburger praying for a Warrant
for a Chapter to be held in the town of Vandalia
Illinois to be named Vandalia Chapter for
Mark Hunter True Hunter Most excellent Master
and Regent both recommended by Missouri A. A.
Chapter No. 1. C. M. March 1846 held at St. Louis
And the Grand Chapter having received satisfactory
evidence that there is no Grand Chapter in the
State of Illinois on Motion and seconded It was
resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be
granted and a Warrant be issued accordingly
To be called Vandalia Chapter No. 160 -
Compt. N. H. McGandy was installed H. P. of the said
Chapter

The M. & H. P. Then made the following appointments in

Grand Chapter closed in Harmony at
about 9 o'clock in the evening

B. Newcomb
S. J. J.

dalia No. 8. This, later, became No. 5 on the register of the first Grand Lodge of Illinois. December 20, 1826 the charter was surrendered.

The dispensation for the present lodge was issued June 30, 1838 by the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

The petition for the Springfield chapter under date of May 31, 1841 states that no chapter was existing at that time in Illinois therefore it was evident that Vandalia No. 160 could have existed only between June 30, 1838 and May 31, 1841. A careful inspection of the records of the General Grand Chapter for the years 1838 and 1841 revealed no information regarding this chapter. The only other bodies having authority to issue such a charter were the independent Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Virginia. As the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania issued the charter for the first lodge it was thought probable that that Grand Chapter might have issued the first charter for a chapter. A letter to the Grand Secretary elicited the following information copied from the minutes of a special communication of the Grand Chapter under date of April 4th, 1840:

"A petition was received and read dated Vandalia, Illinois, March 2, 1840, signed by N. M. McCurdy, R. A. M.; Alvan Washburn, R. A. C., No. 2, Cin.; M. Hodge, Russelville Chapter No. 8, Ky.; Asahel Lee, M. McLaughlin, No. 37, N. Y.; H. C. Remann No. 18, St. Louis; James Clarke, Stephen Abbott and C. B. Blockberger, praying for a warrant for a Chapter to be held in the town of Vandalia, Illinois, to be named Vandalia Chapter for Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, recommended by Missouri R. A. Chapter No. 1, 6th of March, 1840, held at St. Louis and the Grand Chapter having received satisfactory evidence that there is no Grand Chapter in the State of Illinois, on motion seconded it was resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and a warrant be issued accordingly, to be called Vandalia Chapter No. 160. Companion N. M. McCurdy was installed High Priest of the said Chapter."

The last line of this record shows that Companion McCurdy was present at the special communication and was installed as High Priest the same day the charter was granted. It always has been, and still is, the custom of this Jurisdiction to install the High Priest of a new chapter in Grand Chapter whenever possible.

The reader's attention is called to the line following the record of the charter as shown in the accompanying cut:

"The M. E. High Priest then made the following appointments, viz."

The blank lines below this indicate that the space had been left for the purpose of recording the names of other officers. For some reason now unknown these names were not furnished the Grand Secretary, hence their omission.

There were but seven names attached to this petition, one of them, C. B. Blockberger, being at the time the Worshipful Master of Mount Moria Lodge U. D. of Hillsboro, Ill.

The returns of Temperance Lodge No. 27 (Vandalia) to the Grand Lodge of Missouri for the year 1840 show the names of only twenty members. The fact that the last of the state records were transferred from Vandalia to the new State Capitol, Springfield, in 1839 probably accounts for the small number of members and the failure of the chapter to maintain its existence. The only other known reference to this chapter is taken from the record of the semi-annual communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania of November 16, 1840, which reads:

"On motion of Comp. I. A. Phillips and seconded, it was resolved that the Grand Secretary inform Bro. R. W. Desilver that the Grand Chapter considered it inexpedient to refund the money paid for the Charter of Vandalia Chapter No. 160."

The action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was very unusual because both the petition and recommendation were addressed to the General Grand Chapter as will be seen by the following extract from the minutes of Missouri Chapter No. 1 under date of March 6th, 1840.

"A petition was presented signed by several Companions R. A. Masons residing at Vandalia, and that neighborhood, State of Illinois, addressed to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter praying for a charter to establish a chapter in Vandalia, for the purpose of obtaining a recommendation from this chapter, whereupon the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that whereas application has been made by several well known Companions of the town of Vandalia for a recommendation from this chapter to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States for a charter to establish a chapter in said town of Vandalia, State of Illinois. Therefore be it resolved that we do cheerfully recommend our said Companions to be every way qualified and worthy to receive the same."

The record of this convocation was signed by "Jos. Foster, H. P."

Springfield Sangamon County Illinois
May 31st 1844

To the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the
United States

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that there is no Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, nor any Lodge higher than that of Master Masons in the State of Illinois, that having been such regularly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masons in various legally constituted Chapters, we are desirous to institute a Chapter in the City of Springfield, Sangamon County State of Illinois; We therefore respectfully pray you to grant to us a warrant of constitution empowering us to institute & open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Most Excellent, First & Mark Master Masons, in the above place.

The undersigned most cheerfully and sincerely pledge themselves to conform in all respects to the Constitution rules & regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

We have chosen companions M. Helm to be our first high Priest, Edmund Roberts to be our first King, and Philo Beers to be our first Scribe.

Meredith Helm

Amos Dwyer

Robert Campbell

Lemuel Higby

Philo Beers

Edmund Roberts

Joseph Frey

Oramel Clark

J. R. Maucher

SPRINGFIELD NO. 1

was the first chapter to maintain a continuous existence in Illinois.

Springfield has ever been a Masonic center. The first settlement was in 1819 when nine men erected cabins and located their families. October 25, 1822 the Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered Sangamon Lodge No. 9, but this was not a success as the charter was arrested April 11, 1826.

January 27, 1839 eleven brethren in Springfield received a dispensation from the Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, Bro. S. W. G. Carnegy, to organize a lodge. This was No. 26 on the roster of the Grand Lodge of Missouri but is now No. 4 on the Illinois register. On May 31st, 1841 a petition was drafted praying for a dispensation to organize a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Springfield. Three of the charter members of the lodge signed the petition for the dispensation and five signed the petition for the charter. The petition was written on a double sheet of paper $8\frac{1}{4}$ by $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The recommendation of Missouri Chapter No. 1 is on the second page; the third page has on it the letter from J. Bernard, H. P. of Missouri No. 1, to his friend Walter Ball forwarding the petition with the request that it be placed in the hands of the General Grand Secretary. The paper was folded three times and the ends folded over and fastened with red sealing wax. No envelope was used. The address was written on the middle of the back and reads—Walter Ball, Esq., No. 22 Pratt St., Baltimore, Md. There is also the postmark of the St. Louis post office dated "Jul. 6," and the figures "25" which show the amount of postage paid in cash. No stamps were affixed.

The wording of the petition is as follows:

Springfield, Sangamon County,
Illinois, May 31st, 1841.

To the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that there is no Chapter of Royal Arch Masons nor any lodge higher than that of Master Masons in the State of Illinois, that having been each regularly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in various legally constituted Chapters we are desirous to institute a Chapter in the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, State of Illinois.

We therefore respectfully pray you to grant to us a warrant of Constitution empowering us to institute and open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons in the above place.

The undersigned most cheerfully pledge themselves to conform in all respects to the constitution, rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

We have chosen Companion M. Helm to be our first High Priest; Edmund Roberts to be our first King and Philo Beers to be our first Scribe.

MEREDITH HELM,
MAURICE DOYLE,
ROBERT CAMPBELL,
LEMUEL HIGBY,
PHILO BEERS,
EDMD. ROBERTS,
JOSEPH FIREY,
ORAMEL CLARK,
J. R. BRAUCHER,

The recommendation of Missouri Chapter No. 1 reads:

St. Louis, Mo., 12th June A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

At a regular meeting of Missouri Chapter No. One, Mo., the 12th day of June A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841, the following proceedings were had:

"Comp. E. Klein presented the within petition and which being read and considered it was ordered by the Chapter that the petitioners herein are well worthy of the privilege for which they ask and that it is hereby recommended to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States to grant the privilege of the within petition."

In testimony whereof I, R. B. Dallman, Secretary of Missouri Royal Arch Chapter No. One, Mo., have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Chapter. Done at St. Louis, Mo., on this 12th day of June, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841.

Teste: Richard B. Dallman, Secy.

The petition was recommended on the 12th day of June but the letter of transmission was not written until July 6th, 1841.

The dispensation was granted July 20, 1841 by Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy General Grand High Priest. It was written by hand on paper 16½ by 13 inches and sealed with his private seal, the letters J. K. S. impressed on red sealing wax.

The wording of the dispensation is as follows:

To all Whom it may Concern—Greeting:

St Louis Mo. 19th June A.D. 1841. A.L. 5841
At a regular meeting of ~~Missouri~~ Chapter No One M.O. the
12th day of June A.D. 1841. A.L. 5841 the following pro=
ceedings were had

"Comptre E. F. Kline presented the within
Petition to which being read and considered it was ordered
by the Chapter that the Petitioners herein are well worthy
of the privilege for which they ask and that it is hereby
recommended to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter
of the united States to grant the prayer of the within
Petition -" A True Copy from the record

Wester
Richd. D. Dallam Secy
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In testimony whereof J. R. B.
(Dallam Secretary of ~~Missouri~~)
Royal Arch Chapter No One
Mo. have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal
of said Chapter

Done at St Louis Mo on
the 19th day of June
A.D. 1841. A.L. 5841

Whereas, a petition of sundry Royal Arch Masons residing at or near Springfield in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, stating that there is no Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within that State, and praying that a dispensation may be granted them to open and hold such Chapter and Lodges of the appendant Orders at that place—

Now Know Ye, that I, Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do by these presents grant to Meredith Helm, Maurice Doyle, Robert Campbell, Lemuel Higby, Philo Beers, Edmd. Roberts, Joseph Firey, Oramel Clark and J. R. Braucher, the petitioners aforesaid and to their associates and successors, full power and lawful authority to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of the appendant Orders, viz.: Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Council of Select Master Masons, at Springfield aforesaid, to be called and distinguished by the name of Springfield Chapter No. 1, and in each of said Orders to confer the degrees thereof upon such person or persons possessing the necessary qualifications, as they may think proper.

And I do by these presents appoint and constitute Companion Meredith Helm as the first High Priest, Companion Edmund Roberts as the first King and Philo Beers as the first Scribe of the said Chapter, with continuance to them and their successors in office until the next meeting of our General Grand Chapter, or until this dispensation be lawfully revoked or suspended.

Given under my hand and seal at City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Forty-one.

JOS. K. STAPLETON, D. G. G. H. P.

The first meeting was held August 13th. Six of the signers of the petition and three visitors constituted the attendance.

The chapter was opened on the Royal Arch Degree in due form. The visiting companions were admitted to membership and a committee appointed to draft by-laws. These by-laws were omitted, "for want of room," from the returns to the General Grand Chapter and no copy is known to be in existence at the present time.

Seven petitions were received and the petitioners elected to receive the degrees. Immediate action on the petitions was taken under a resolution reading:

"Whereas, it will be very inconvenient for the Chapter as at present situated to hold its meetings with regu-

larity, on account of some of its members living in the country at a distance of twelve to fifteen miles from the city, and it is desirable that the regular meetings of the Chapter should be secure, and therefore independent of the country members, and

Whereas, the above petitioners have been associated with us in a Masonic capacity in the Blue Lodge for years, and are well known to be men of unexceptional moral character and standing; therefore,

Resolved, that the 2d section of the 9th Art. of the by-laws, which requires such petitions to lie over to the next regular meeting, be dispensed with in their cases, and the Chapter proceed this evening to ballot for them, and if elected, that they have the degrees of the Chapter conferred upon them forthwith."

Only three meetings were held under the dispensation, August 13, 14 and 17. The returns show seventeen names. The General Grand Secretary showed receipts of \$90 for the dispensation and \$12 for dues. The charter was granted September 17th, 1841. All further records of this chapter previous to 1850 were destroyed by fire with one notable exception. Through the foresight of Companion Charles Fisher the petition of Stephen A. Douglas for the Capitular degrees has been preserved and is now a treasured possession of this chapter.

Soon after filing the petition Companion Douglas moved to Quincy. Tradition states that he received the degree of Mark Master in Springfield but the records of Quincy Chapter show that he petitioned for and received all four degrees in that Chapter.

LA FAYETTE NO. 2.

The early settlers of Chicago were a migratory class. It has been said that in the forties the chief business of Chicago was the outfitting of emigrants bound for the west.

"It was only a transition city, a place of meeting and separating—of hail and farewell."

Therefore it is not surprising that the Masons of Chicago were much slower than their southern brethren in perfecting an organization. The first Masonic organization was LaFayette Lodge No. 18, chartered October 2nd, 1843, with twenty-one members. The following year this lodge had sixty-two members. In 1844 a petition for a chapter was drafted signed by eleven companions, three of whom were not members of LaFayette Lodge.

To the Most Excellent High
Priest, Rising, and Scribe, and
Companions of Springfield
Royal Arch Chapter of Free
& Accepted Masons the Petition
of the Subscriber sheweth that
he has been regularly initiated
as an Entered Apprentice,
passed to the degree of Fellow
Craft and raised to the sub-
lime degree of a Master
Mason, and is desirous
and of being admitted
a member in your Chapter
if found worthy.

March 18th 1842

Signed J. B. [unclear]

J. B. [unclear]

At Day

The petitions for dispensation and charter, the recommendation of Milwaukee Chapter No. 1, the minutes under dispensation, the original by-laws and a letter from W. F. Walker transmitting the petition for the charter are all well preserved in the archives of the General Grand Chapter.

The petitions and letters are written on paper of the same size and quality as that used for the Springfield papers; the by-laws and minutes are on legal cap.

The petition reads as follows:

To the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, or General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

The undersigned Companions duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor of the art, respectfully represent:—

That the condition of things in this city and vicinity is at this time especially favorable to Royal Arch Masonry; for, that many Companions, who have long been unable to enjoy the privileges of communication, from their isolation in this portion of the west, and now very desirous of associating in a regularly instituted Chapter, for the benefit of themselves and the advantage of the Order; and that many worthy Brothers, Master Masons, members of LaFayette Lodge in this city, which has been recently instituted, and is working very successfully, who would be an acquisition to our order and an honor to the body, are desirous of advancement to the sublime mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry.

For these and other reasons, the undersigned believe that the institution of a Royal Arch Chapter, with power to open and hold a lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters in this city, would greatly subserve the interest and honor of Royal Arch Masonry.

Therefore, there being no Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons regularly established in the State of Illinois, to which they may apply, they most humbly petition the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, General Grand King or General Grand Scribe for the grant of a warrant for the institution of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this city with powers hereinbefore described by the name of LaFayette Chapter No. —, having for its first officers, Companion William F. Walker, High Priest; Companion John R. Case, King; and Companion S. H. Gilbert, Scribe; with stated communications on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

This petition duly recommended by the Chapter nearest this city, that of Milwaukee, and accompanied by the required fee, is respectfully submitted. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Chicago, Ill.

Festival of St. John, the Baptist, 1844.

A. GARRETT,
HENRY BROWN,
H. W. BIGELOW,
S. H. GILBERT,
JOHN R. CASE,
CARDING JACKSON,
M. TAYLOR,
W. F. WALKER,
REUBEN TAYLOR,
JOHN DAVIS,
LUTHER MARCH.

The recommendation of the Milwaukee Chapter reads:

Milwaukee Chapter No. 1,

Masonic Hall, July 1, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844.

Be it known that at a regular communication of Milwaukee Chapter No. 1, held at the town of Milwaukee on the first day of July, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844, passed unanimously the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Chapter deeming the organization of a Royal Arch Chapter at Chicago, Illinois, essential to the interests and advancement of Masonry in the West, and being satisfied by lawful information that the Companions whose names as subscribed to the foregoing petition are, each and all of them Royal Arch Masons in good standing and well skilled in the mysteries of Ancient Free Masonry, and of good moral character, does hereby recommend that the prayer of the said petitioners be granted, and does cheerfully vouch for their Masonic skill, rank and standing, and have no doubt but that if their petition be granted they will strictly conform to the ancient usages and landmarks of the Order.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal (this Chapter not having yet adopted a seal) this first day of July, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844.

P. B. HILL,
Secy,
Milwaukee Chapter No. 1.

A. D. SMITH,
High Priest,
Milwaukee Chapter No. 1.

I, A. D. SMITH, High Priest of Milwaukee Chapter No. 1, do certify that said Milwaukee Chapter No. 1 is the nearest Chapter to the one proposed in the foregoing

petition, and that the distance from Milwaukee in the Territory of Wisconsin to Chicago in the State of Illinois is ninety miles.

A. D. SMITH,
High Priest,
Milwaukee Chapter No. 1.

July 1, 1844.

P. S.—On behalf of the above petitioners I would request an immediate attention to the petition, and, if granted, that Companion A. D. Smith, H. P., as above be deputed to examine and install their officers on August 12th, or such other early date as he may appoint; this, of course, is to be understood in case neither of the G. G. Officers can be with us to perform that duty.

The draft herewith sent of \$100 is for the warrant and the charge of the Secretary.

Yours, etc.,

W. F. WALKER.

This recommendation would not be acceptable now as Milwaukee Chapter was working under a dispensation received February 16, 1844 and did not receive a charter until the General Grand Chapter met in September of that year.

The dispensation of La Fayette Chapter was dated July 2nd, 1844. The first convocation was held July 30th, at which time

“M. Ex. John Barney, of Ohio, administered the oath of office to W. F. Walker, M. E. H. P., and J. R. Case, King; S. H. Gilbert, Scribe, not being present was not sworn.”

Six petitions were received and five of the candidates were exalted under the dispensation. The fees were fixed at Mark Master five dollars; Past Master two dollars; Most Excellent Master five dollars; Royal Arch ten dollars; Royal and Select Master combined five dollars.

Ten meetings were held before the dispensation was returned. The original by-laws of this chapter are in the possession of the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter. They provided for the admission of ministers of the Gospel without fee by unanimous consent. Dues were twenty-five cents quarterly in advance and no member could vote or hold office whose dues were not paid. A dimit could be obtained by giving one month's notice “Provided, that two-thirds of the members present concur in the motion for leave.”

At the last meeting under dispensation the by-laws were adopted and officers elected. From the following it will be seen that at least one citizen of Chicago was held in high esteem by his friends:

"The election of Tyler, it was agreed should be dispensed with for the present and the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Lodge required fees for initiating, passing and raising, Mr. I. P. Hatfield, that he might be admitted to the Chapter to fill this office."

The dispensation, a copy of the minutes and the by-laws were sent to the General Grand Secretary with the following petition:

To the General Grand Chapter, or the G. G. Officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

The undersigned, members of LaFayette Chapter No. 2, Chicago, Illinois, at present constituted under a dispensation granted by the Deputy G. G. H. P., M. E. Jos. K. Stapleton, and duly recommended to the G. G. Officers in connection with their application for a dispensation, or legally vouched for in the returns of their Chapters as Companions properly instructed in the sublime mysteries, and desirous of promoting the knowledge of the art,

Respectfully represent that the granting to them a perpetual charter, with usual power over the dependent and appendant degrees will greatly subserve the interests and honor of Royal Arch Masonry. It is hoped that this their petition will therefore be received and their prayer be granted.

W. F. WALKER,
JOHN R. CASE,
HENRY BROWN,
LUTHER MARSH,
COS. LANSING,
JOHN DAVIS,
J. BRINKERHOFF,
MATTHIAS TAYLOR,
H. W. BIGELOW,
CARDING JACKSON,
WM. ROBINSON.

LaFayette Chapter was exceedingly fortunate in having the services of Companions A. D. Smith and John Barney.

Companion Smith was Deputy Grand Master (later Grand Master) of Masons of Wisconsin. Wisconsin Masonry is, perhaps, indebted to him more than to any other man for the introduction of both symbolic and Capitular

Masonry. It is said that "as a strict ritualist, he had no superior" and that "his work was dignified, impressive and polished."

Companion Barney was a Past High Priest of Horeb Chapter No. 3 at Worthington, Ohio. He had been Grand Lecturer and an elective Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, 1837 to 1843, inclusive. He had also served as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and was the delegate from that Grand Lodge to the Masonic convention in Baltimore in 1843. He affiliated with Apollo Lodge No. 32 at Chicago. He was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge by Grand Master W. F. Walker in 1845. He also served as Grand Lecturer for the Grand Chapter until his death which occurred in 1847.

JACKSONVILLE NO. 3.

The early records of this chapter are missing but an account of the preliminary meeting to organize and the minutes of the first convocation are treasured mementos of the chapter. This record reads:

"The following Companions, Wm. B. Warren, Phillip Coffman, John T. Jones, Horace Spaulding, Levi Lusk, Edward M. M. Clarke, Nathan Coffman, Charles W. Chatterton and A. R. Robinson, being desirous of enjoying the privilege of working in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, petitioned Companion J. K. Stapleton, D. G. G. H. P. of the G. G. Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America for a dispensation authorizing them to open a Chapter in the town of Jacksonville. The petition was granted on the 25th July, 1845, from Baltimore, to extend to the Second Tuesday in September, 1847, naming the following Companions as principal officers: Wm. B. Warren, H. P., Phillip Coffman, K., and John T. Jones, Scribe, with full powers to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of the appendant degrees."

The dispensation reads exactly the same as that of the Springfield chapter but it is a printed form. On the back of the dispensation is the following notation:

"N. B. Order of conferring the degrees as established by the G. G. Chapter, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal Master, Select Master. The last two ad libitum."

The first convocation was held September 15th, 1845 with Nathaniel Coffman presiding. The dispensation was read and then Wm. B. Warren took the chair and

opened the chapter in due form. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and three petitions for degrees were received. The petitioners were all elected and received all the degrees the same day. At the expiration of the time named in the dispensation a satisfactory report was made to the General Grand Chapter and the charter was issued by J. K. Stapleton, D. G. G. H. P., and William B. Warren was named as his proxy to constitute the chapter and install the officers.

At the first election under the charter Harmon W. Osborne was elected High Priest and Richard Yates, later war governor, Secretary.

This concludes the pre-Grand Chapter record of this chapter.

HOREB NO. 4.

All the early records of this chapter were destroyed by fire long ago. Nothing is known of its organization and history before 1850 except what is shown in the records of the General Grand Chapter. This record reads:

"On the 10th of March, I granted a dispensation to Nelson D. Masse, High Priest, Joel Lee, King, and Caleb Finch, Scribe, and a constitutional number associated with them, to open a Chapter at Henderson, Illinois.

EZRA BARNUM,
G. G. Scribe."

The order for the issuance of the charter was dated September 16, 1847. With this trivial statement the pre-Grand Chapter record of this chapter is closed. It was represented at the organization of the Grand Chapter and the delegate, S. G. Dean, was appointed Grand Principal Sojourner. In 1851 Harmon G. Reynolds, High Priest and J. F. Mason, Scribe, were the delegates. Companion Reynolds was elected Grand Secretary and continued in that capacity for seventeen years, at the end of which time he retired and was presented with \$1,000 as a testimonial of the esteem in which he was held by his companions.

For several years this chapter held its convocations in Henderson and Knoxville on alternate months. In 1854 the chapter was moved to Knoxville but continued to hold half of the convocations in Henderson. The Grand Chapter, in 1859, returned the chapter to its original location in Henderson and the practise of dividing the convocations with Knoxville was discontinued. January 7th, 1873 it was transferred to Rio, its present location.

QUINCY NO. 5.

The early records of this chapter are in perfect condition. On April 1st, 1846 the General Grand Scribe, Ezra Barnum, issued a dispensation to Abraham Jonas, High Priest; R. E. Smith, King; H. S. Cooley, Scribe, and J. H. Holton, A. W. Harris, C. Northup, J. H. Ralston, C. Stienagel and D. Hauser authorizing them to open and hold a chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of the appendant orders.

The dispensation is on file in the office of the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter.

The first convocation was held April 25th, at which time by-laws were adopted and eight petitions for degrees received.

The dispensation granted authority to confer the Council degrees but there is nothing to show that these degrees were ever conferred in this chapter.

At the time this chapter was organized the degree of Past Master conferred on the master elect of a symbolic lodge was accepted in lieu of the chapter Past Master's degree. To prevent non-chapter members from visiting the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Chapter, no business can be done in the several degrees connected with the Chapter except when the Royal Arch Chapter is open.

Further Resolved, That a Bro. Past Master who has not received the degree of Mark Master shall not be allowed to sit in a Past Master's Lodge held under authority of this Chapter."

The officers were determined to confer all degrees in a creditable manner. September 18, 1846 it was

"Resolved, That Bro. John Barney be requested to visit and lecture the Chapter at the earliest opportunity after the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

Companion Barney arrived Christmas Eve and

"A committee was appointed to attend to the lectures of Comp. Barney from day to day."

The record of every petitioner for degrees was investigated with more care than is now taken. The committee on one petitioner was unable to agree and

"On motion, the committee were discharged and the petition was referred to a committee of the whole, the members of the Chapter being summoned to meet next Saturday evening for that purpose."

September 3, 1847

"Bros. Stephen A. Douglas and A. S. Pettit were regularly exalted to the Most Sublime Degree of R. A. Mason."

The resolutions of respect adopted after his death show Companion Douglas to have been a regular attendant at the chapter meetings while he lived in Quincy.

To insure the attendance of a sufficient number to hold convocations the law was amended by the addition of this section:

"All officers of the Chapter who shall have been installed as such, who shall fail to attend any of the regular, adjourned or call meetings of the Chapter or any of the lodge degrees appertaining thereto, shall be fined and pay into the treasury of the Chapter the sum of fifty cents for each failure, and each member, not officer, who shall so fail, shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents; Provided, that this shall not apply to any member of the Chapter who lives more than a mile from the city, and provided further, that the Chapter shall retain the power of remitting said fine, for just and reasonable cause."

The charter was received November 6, 1847 and on December 27, 1847

"The Chapter was duly constituted and dedicated and its officers installed by Comp. Levi Lusk, proxy for the D. G. G. H. Priest of the United States."

An old explanation of the use of the Mark reads in part:

"A Mark-Mason who receives this Mark from a destitute brother is bound by the most solemn obligations to assist him to the extent of his ability."

Every Mark Master of today probably considers the use of the Mark given in the ritual as being merely symbolical of an ancient custom but it was not so considered in olden time. A most interesting and significant story is told in the minutes of this chapter. One which appears at its best without any comment. The reader's attention is invited to

THE STORY OF A MARK.

In Five Chapters.

By the Secretary of Quincy Chapter No. 5.

August 27, 1853:

"Comp. J. H. Ralston of California stated that he now held and desired to deposit with this Chapter, a Mark pledged to him for the loan of sixty dollars about

five years since by Comp. Benj. V. Teel, residing when last heard from, between San Antonio and Austin, Texas. The Mark was received with an understanding that such measures would be taken as might seem advisable in the premises."

September 24, 1853:

"On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary be required to furnish for the Delegation to the G. Chapter a certified Copy of Record in relation to the Mark deposited by Companion James H. Ralston."

October 29, 1853:

"On motion, the Secretary was directed to correspond with the Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas on the subject of the Mark deposited by Comp. Ralston, so soon as he should learn the address of the Grand Secretary."

October 28, 1854:

"The H. P. reported that he had received a communication from the H. P. of St. Andrews Chapter No. 27, Texas, in relation to the Mark of Comp. B. V. Teel, which was deposited with this Chapter by Comp. J. H. Ralston, and that he had forwarded said Mark to the H. P. of St. Andrews Chapter."

December 27, 1856:

"Companion Blakesley informed the Chapter that he had received from Companion Neill of Texas, sixty dollars, amount due Comp. James H. Ralston from Companion Benjamin V. Teel, whose Mark Companion Ralston had deposited with this Chapter, donating the amount \$60 to this Chapter provided the Chapter succeeded in collecting the same, which result has been accomplished."

SHAWNEETOWN NO. 6.

When the pioneer Masons came down the Ohio River in search of new homes their first point of contact with the soil of Illinois was at Shawneetown. A few remained but most of them went on to the western part of the (then)territory. The early history of Masonry and particularly Capitular Masonry in Shawneetown is the record of a brave fight against almost insuperable odds in a frontier country by a small band of devoted members.

Masonry was first established in Shawneetown when the Grand Lodge of Kentucky chartered Lawrence Lodge No. 34, August 28, 1815. January 1st, 1827 this became

Cincinnatus No. 16 on the register of the first Grand Lodge of Illinois. The anti-Masonic persecution that soon after swept over the country caused all work to cease and the lodge became dormant. The present lodge, Warren No. 14, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois October 5th, 1842. Meanwhile the Grand Lodge of Kentucky had chartered Equality No. 102 at Equality in August 1837; this is now No. 2 in the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

In 1846 No. 2 had thirteen and No. 14 twenty-five members. There were also ten non-affiliates in their jurisdictions.

The first reference to this chapter is found in the records of Louisville Royal Arch Chapter No. 5 (now King Solomon No. 5).

In the minutes of March 30, 1846 is the following statement:

"Sundry well-known Companions of Shawneetown, Ills., having petitioned the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to grant them a dispensation for a Chapter at the above place, asked a recommendation from this Chapter, which, on motion, was granted."

The minutes were signed by Wm. F. Colston, High Priest, and C. F. Willis, Secretary.

June 3rd, 1846 Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy General Grand High Priest, issued a dispensation to nine companions to open and hold a chapter in Shawneetown with Alexander W. Pool as High Priest; Braxton Parrish as King and Robert H. Marron as Scribe. A. W. Pool was at the time master of Equality Lodge; three of the nine were members of that lodge.

The dispensation is now in the archives of the General Grand Chapter.

Fortunately the complete minute book, the seal, and the charter granted by the General Grand Chapter in 1847 have been carefully preserved by the brethren of Warren Lodge. All these have been forwarded to the writer and are now in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

The first convocation was held June 22nd with A. W. Pool presiding. This was the only convocation he ever attended and his name totally disappears from the record of attendance.

The record of the first three years is well written and very complete. Twenty-five convocations were held

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Greeting:

Whereas, heretofore, to wit: on the 5 day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six a Dispensation was granted to certain Fraternities to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the applicant rulers in the town of Shawmutown in the county of Gallatin and State of Missouri, by the name of Shawmutown Chapter No. 6. And Whereas application has been made to this General Grand Chapter for a perpetual ~~charter~~ to enable them to continue in all the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Chapter, and a copy of their By-Laws, and of the minutes of their proceedings having been submitted for Our inspection and approval, and it being deemed proper to grant the prayer of said applicants to US appearing:

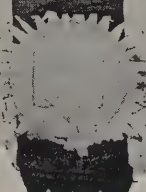
Now Know Ye, That WE, The General Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons for the United States of America, appearing special confidence and trust in the fidelity, zeal, and maximo ability of the Officers and Members of the said Chapter, and for the purpose of diffusing the benefits of the Order, and of promoting the happiness of man: DO, BY THESE PRESENTS, recognize said Chapter, as regularly constituted and established under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, with full and adequate powers to confer the several Degrees usually conferred in Chapters of Royal Arch Masons as authorized by our said General Grand Chapter, upon such persons or persons, possessing the requisite qualifications, as they may think proper. And WE do also recognize the present Officers and Members of the said Chapter, with continuance of the said powers and privileges, to them and their successors forever. Provided Nevertheless, That the said Officers and Members, and their successors, pay due respect to our said General Grand Chapter, and to the Constitution and Edicts thereof, and in no way concern the ancient Land Marks of our Order: otherwise this Charter, and all things therein contained to be void and of no effect.

Given at the City of Columbus, in the State of Ohio this 18th day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven and of our Independence the Thirtieth three hundred and seventy seven

By Order of the General Grand Chapter,

John L. Linn

John H. Appleton
Wm. H. Stewart
Edw. M. Pearson



under the dispensation between June 22, 1846 and July 10, 1847. Seven candidates were exalted during that time.

The charter was granted September 15th, 1847 but not received at Shawneetown until October 11th.

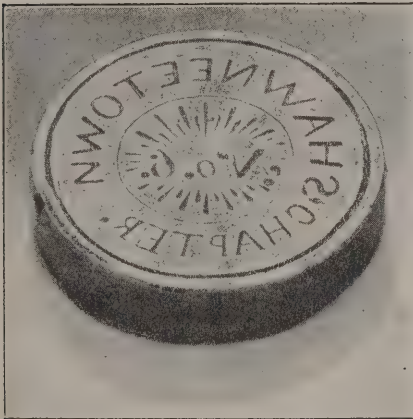
The chapter was constituted May 19, 1848 under the following authority:

"By virtue of the powers and authority vested in me, by my office of Grand King of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, I, Willis Stewart, do hereby constitute and appoint Companion Guerdon Gates, present High Priest of Louisville Royal Arch Chapter No. 5, my proxy for the purpose of installing the officers of Shawneetown Royal Arch Chapter No. 6, in the State of Illinois, and setting said Chapter to work in accordance with ancient form and usage.

Given under my hand at Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, this 12th day of April, 1848.

WILLIS STEWART,
G.K.G.G.R.A.C.U.S."

The charter is parchment and signed by Joseph K. Stapleton, D. G. G. H. P.; Willis Stewart, G. G. King; Ezra Barnum, G. G. Scribe, and Charles Gilman, G. G. Sec'y. There is a line for the signature of the General Grand High Priest but it was never signed by that officer.



The seal was made by Companion E. R. Roe. It is circular, of lead $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter and three-eighths of an inch thick. The inscription is Shawneetown Chapter No. 6. A cut of the seal is herewith shown.

June 1st, 1848 Bro. Winston, Master elect of Caseyville Lodge, Ky., received the degree of Past Master and on June 30th the same

courtesy was extended to William Siddall, Master-elect of Equality No. 2.

May 26th, 1858 the petition of ten companions asking the recommendation of the chapter to form Union Chapter at Jonesboro was read and granted.

From the reception of the charter until the transfer to membership in the Grand Chapter of Illinois, October 11, 1847 to October 14, 1850, forty-seven convocations were held but from that date to the arrest of the charter in 1867 only eleven convocations were held. After this chapter became a constituent of the Grand Chapter activity almost entirely ceased. Only three petitions were received but no degrees were conferred. However, this sudden lack of interest is easily accounted for. In 1850 Warren Lodge only had twenty-six members while the chapter record shows twenty-one names. From these figures it is evident that the material had been worked up. From this date to 1867 Warren Lodge never had to exceed thirty-two members. It is true that in 1867 the jurisdiction of the chapter extended over three counties and seven lodges but conditions were such that candidates were not available. May 26, 1868 the Grand Secretary, Harmon G. Reynolds, notified the chapter that they were delinquent seven years dues and unless payment was made the name would be erased from the list of active chapters.

This chapter was opened June 22, 1846 and at the close of business "the chapter was adjourned" until the next convocation when "the chapter was called from refreshment to labor." This was invariably the case. In one instance the time between "adjournment" and "from refreshment to labor" was three years.

There are four dates where the record shows one candidate only exalted without the use of any substitutes. When we remember the isolated situation of this chapter and the small number of members we cheerfully cast the mantle of forgiveness over their derelictions and congratulate them on their long fight against adverse conditions.

Thus ends the record of this valiant attempt to dispense "further light" to the brethren of southeastern Illinois.

PEORIA NO. 7.

This chapter is fortunate enough to have, in excellent condition, its records from the first convocation to the present time. A petition was filed with the General Grand Chapter and the report of the Committee on Dispersations and New Chapters reads:

“Your Committee would further report, that they have had under consideration a petition in the usual form, duly recommended, for a Chapter to be located at Peoria, Illinois, and would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.”

From this it is evident that this chapter is the only one that never worked under a dispensation. The charter was issued to Samuel H. Davis, High Priest; Peter Sweat, King; William Hall, Scribe, and Augustus O. Garrett, John Slye, Eldrick Smith, John S. Dixon, Nathaniel Chapin, Jonathan Reed, John McDougal, John Comstock and Alexander Rodgers on the 17th day of September, 1847.

The first convocation was held January 4th, 1848, at which time it was

“Resolved, That Companion Lusk of Rushville be invited to install the officers elect of this Chapter at his earliest convenience, he having been appointed proxy for the M. E. Joseph K. Stapleton, to do the same.”

The same night another motion was made

“Resolved, That an invitation be given to Comp. Z. P. Cabanis of Springfield, Ill., to visit us for the purpose of giving instruction in the Chapter.”

January 7th the chapter adopted the by-laws of LaFayette Chapter with changes to fit local conditions. Among other things the following was inserted as

“Article IV, Section 2. The Rules of Order at all meetings shall be those of the Senate of the United States where the same do not conflict with these by-laws, with the constitutions, or with Masonic Tradition.

This section does not appear in the original by-laws of LaFayette Chapter.

January 28th Companion Levi Lusk, proxy for J. K. Stapleton, D. G. G. H. Priest, opened the chapter, constituted the chapter and installed the officers.

February 12th the first team was exalted. One of this team was William C. Hobbs who was elected Grand Master of Masons the next year.

Forty-eight convocations were held the first year and several candidates were exalted. March 27, 1849 one candidate was exalted without the use of substitutes.

No stated convocation was held in March, 1850 as only five members were present but the “following action was agreed upon:

“It being necessary that the Chapter should appoint some Companion to represent this Chapter at the convocation of the different Chapters in this State, to be holden in Springfield on Tuesday, April 9th, 1850, for the purpose of a formation of a Grand Chapter for the State of Illinois it was therefore on motion.

“Resolved, That Companion Peter Sweat, our M. E. H. P., represent this Peoria R. A. Chapter No. 7 at the convocation of the different Chapters in the State of Illinois to be holden in Springfield on Tuesday, the 9th of April, 1850, for the purpose of the formation of a Grand Chapter for the State of Illinois.

“Resolved, That Companion Sweat be invested with full powers to act in all things as he deems best to the interest of this Chapter.”

“The above resolutions were unanimously passed and the Secretary was ordered by the H. P. to record them in the Record Book.”

For some reason not now apparent this chapter failed to hold any convocations for several months in 1850. On September 16th J. W. S. Mitchell, P. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, went to Peoria for the express purpose of opening the chapter and assisting in the conferring of degrees. This visit put new life into the chapter and from that time on Peoria Chapter has steadily gained in membership and influence.

The officers of this chapter are entitled to the greatest commendation for the careful preservation of their records. It was through their inspection that the writer has been able to resurrect the history of the lost chapter of Vandalia and the organization of the first Grand Chapter.

RECORD OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST GRAND CHAPTER.

When the Grand Lodge met in Alton October 2-5, 1848 the representatives of Jacksonville No. 3, Horeb No. 4 and Howard No. 8 met and organized a Grand Chapter but such a vigorous protest was made by the other chapters that the matter was quietly abandoned temporarily. LaFayette Chapter appointed a committee to consider the expediency of this action and it was decided that it was inexpedient and unnecessary to form a Grand Chapter at the time and letters of protest were sent to other chapters. At a convocation of Peoria Chapter October 10th, 1848 the letter from LaFayette Chapter was read, whereupon the High Priest reported having received information of such action while in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge. The chapter then unanimously adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, That we fully concur with the committee of LaFayette Chapter and that as this chapter has had no notice of the intention of other chapters in this state to form a Grand Chapter, we do not feel ourselves bound to notice or become amenable to such Grand Chapter and most decidedly decline coming in under its assumed jurisdiction and that the secretary so inform the chapters aforesaid.”

At a stated convocation of March 27th, 1849 further emphatic action was taken to protect themselves against any conflict with the aforesaid Grand Chapter:

“On motion of Companion Sweat it was resolved, that the Secretary notify the G. Grand Sec’y. that this chapter protests against the formation of a Grand Chapter in this state, according to the agreement of some chapters at Alton, this chapter never having been notified of such intention on the part of the chapters of this state.”

However, other chapters had been corresponding about the organization of a Grand Chapter for some time. The records of Quincy Chapter show that on April 24, 1847

“On motion of Companion Watson a committee of three was appointed to correspond with the chapters of this state upon the subject of organizing a Grand Chapter of Illinois. Companions A. Jonas, H. P., Watson and Holton were designated that committee.”

After waiting several months for the committee to report the Chapter made another attempt to effect an organization. February 26, 1848

"On motion the Committee heretofore appointed to correspond with other R. A. Chapters in relation to the establishment of a Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois were instructed to perform their duties and report to this chapter with as little delay as practicable."

The records do not show any report from this committee but August 25, 1849 it was

"Resolved, That this Chapter is in favor of organizing a Grand Chapter in this state and that John H. Holton, our M. E. H. P., be instructed to use his influence at the next session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to accomplish this object."

Further evidence is found in the minutes of Shawneetown No. 6. The record of August 24, 1848 reads:

"On motion resolved that in the opinion of this Chapter it would be inexpedient to form a Grand Chapter for the State of Illinois at present."

The foregoing statements complete the known references to the organization of the first Grand Chapter. The destruction of the old records of the other chapters was an irreparable loss. Files of several old newspapers were examined but nothing was found bearing on this subject.

SUMMARY
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL
ARCH CHAPTER
FOR THE YEARS
1900 - 1924
INCLUSIVE



M. J. NOYES
Grand High Priest, 1853

THE memorial volume published in connection with the fiftieth anniversary contains a complete account of the organization of the Grand Chapter; its meeting places, management, laws, customs, the Order of High Priesthood, a digest of the proceedings, and biographical sketches of the Past Grand Officers. Continuing that record the digest of the proceedings begins with the year

1900.

NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, Grand High Priest.

The fifty-first annual convocation was opened by Companion Nathaniel Bowditch, Grand High Priest.

The fiftieth anniversary celebration was the event of the year. Visitors were present representing the Grand Chapters of Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota, Canada and the General Grand Chapter. A complete report of the exercises was published in a separate volume and a souvenir was issued in the form of a medal; the obverse being a representation of the seal of the Grand Chapter while the reverse read "Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary."

Charles Fisher, the sole surviving member of the little band that organized the Grand Chapter, was present and told some interesting facts concerning the organization of the Grand Chapter.

The ancient rule that a candidate must have "no maim or defect in his body" was declared non-operative in Capitular degrees. The ruling reads:

"A Royal Arch Mason who by reason of physical infirmities is unable to conform, literally, to all or any of the requirements of the ritual may be excused from such performance by the High Priest. Such inability will in no way effect his standing in the Chapter or his right of visitation."

Recognition was extended to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico.

The ritual of the General Grand Chapter, published in two parts, which had been in use about a year, had proven so unsatisfactory that a committee was appointed to prepare a new ritual in abbreviated form and in one volume.

Past Grand High Priest Eugene Stoker died September 30th.

The Grand High Priest was directed to procure a suitable jewel to be worn by him and his successors during the term of office.

The Thirty-first Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter was held in Cincinnati September 25-26-27, at which convocation Companion Joseph E. Dyas, P. G. H. P., was elected General Grand King.

The sum of \$1,000 was donated to the permanent fund of the Masonic Orphans' Home.

1901.

GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest prepared and distributed a ten page brochure entitled "The Book of the Law" which is a valuable article for the Capitular student and contains much information about "The Legend," "The Book That Is Used" and "The Book That Was Found." The complete article is published in the proceedings for the year.

Three Past Grand High Priests were summoned to the Celestial Grand Chapter during the year: Companions Haswell Cordis Clarke, January 16th; Jacob Krohn, June 21st, and Fredric Carvosso Winslow, October 10th.

The new ritual, sample copies of which had been distributed, was found satisfactory and adopted. Three copies were sent to each chapter.

The system of official visitations was declared unsatisfactory and the Grand High Priest recommended that it be abandoned to make room for some other method that would give better results. His recommendation was that

"The jurisdiction be divided into a number of small districts with Chapters conveniently grouped for easy access; that an officer, to be called an inspector, or such other name as may be deemed suitable, be placed in charge of each district, such officer to be appointed by and to represent the Grand High Priest, to whom he shall be directly accountable; that such Inspector shall be required to visit the Chapters in their respective districts at least once a year, and at such other time as they may be directed by the Grand High Priest; that such visits shall be unannounced except when circumstances of the particular case

shall render a different course necessary, and that on such occasions a thorough inspection of the books, properties, work and general condition of the Chapter be made and a report thereof at once transmitted to the Grand High Priest."

However, Grand Chapter was not ready for such an innovation and the old system remained in force fourteen years longer.

A reprint of the early proceedings was ordered.

One thousand dollars was given to the Masonic Orphans' Home.

1902.

CHARLES H. PATTON, Grand High Priest.

Charles H. Patton, Grand High Priest, after serving only two months entered into his eternal rest and the duty of directing affairs fell upon Companion Alfred A. Whipple, Deputy Grand High Priest.

The question of contributing to the "World's Fair Fraternal Building Association" at St. Louis was decided in the negative as the Grand Lodge had already contributed the sum of \$1,000 for the same purpose.

A letter from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was received requesting favorable action on a resolution to permit inter-state border jurisdiction. Grand Chapter, however, felt that such petitions could be better handled by the granting of waiver of jurisdiction.

A resolution was adopted which declared that the Great Lights in Royal Arch Masonry shall consist of the "Holy Bible, Square, Compasses and Equilateral Triangle."

The sum of \$500 was donated to the Masonic Orphans' Home.

1903.

ALFRED A. WHIPPLE, Grand High Priest.

During the year the Messenger of Death took heavy toll from the permanent members; Companions Wiley M. Egan died February 12th, James Champion McMurtry March 31st, and Edward Coleman Pace May 7th. These companions presided over the Grand Chapter in 1864, 1877 and 1890 respectively.

An official manual was prepared to conform to the recently adopted ritual.

Attention was called to the action of one chapter for failure to confer the degree of Past Master, the excuse being that the candidate had already received the degree when he was installed as Master of his lodge. The chapter was ordered to formally "heal" the candidate by obligating him in the degree and giving him proper instruction.

George W. Curtiss was appointed Grand Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation and subsequent death of Wiley M. Egan.

A request for a donation of \$500 to the Eastern Star and Masonic Home of Illinois was refused on account of a reduction in the per capita tax from sixty to fifty cents. The usual contribution to the Masonic Orphans' Home was discontinued as the Grand Lodge had assumed the support of that institution.

At the Thirty-second Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in September at Little Rock, Ark., Companion Joseph E. Dyas was advanced to the office of Deputy General Grand High Priest.

1904.

ROBERT L. MCKINLAY, Grand High Priest.

Upon being asked if a chapter could donate a portion of its funds for the erection of a public hospital the Grand High Priest held that such action could not be taken. A question asking extent of concurrent jurisdiction of chapters in the city of Chicago brought forth the answer that is the basis of Section 362 of the present law.

Outside of these two decisions nothing happened to disturb the orderly progress of the year.

1905.

LEROY A. GODDARD, Grand High Priest.

Early in the year the Grand Chapter embarked on an entirely new policy. A school of instruction for ritualistic purposes was called and the foundation was laid for that splendid system which has since done so much to increase the interest and prosperity of the Grand Chapter. Companions A. L. Hamilton, Frank Hudson and

E. R. Turnbull were the Grand Lecturers in charge. All sessions were held in Chicago and a total of thirty-three chapters were represented. Several chapters outside of Chicago sent their high priests from a desire to learn a correct and uniform method of work. This pioneer effort proved so successful that Grand Chapter ordered three schools to be held the next year and from that day to the present time the schools have been steadily gaining in popularity and influence.

Past Grand High Priest William Lindsay Orr departed this life April 2nd.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised from \$1,200 to \$1,800.

Recognition was given the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

The Grand High Priest suggested that chapters be prohibited from granting life membership and Grand Chapter approved.

1906.

GEORGE E. HENTHORNE, Grand High Priest.

For the first time the Grand Chapter had the pleasure of welcoming one of its own members, Joseph E. Dyas, as General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. His election to that exalted position having occurred the preceding June in Boston.

In April the Masonic Fraternity in San Francisco and vicinity sustained a severe loss by an earthquake. While the city was yet overshadowed by that great calamity, the Grand High Priest forwarded \$1,000 for immediate relief and a circular was issued calling on the chapters for contributions. The response was instant and generous—more than enough—and a portion was returned.

Past Grand High Priest Silas Oresto Vaughn died at his home in DeKalb on March 10th at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

Recognition was given the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia.

Another new departure was made when a charter was issued to St. Cecelia Chapter No. 220 to meet in the afternoon. The wisdom of this was shown by the large number of petitions received and the popularity of the afternoon meetings.

The Grand Officers were constituted a special committee to formulate a system of floor movements and to decide upon the proper paraphernalia to be used in conferring degrees.

1907.

MARCUS M. LORD, Grand High Priest.

The final summons came to three Past Grand High Priests, Companions Richard T. Higgins, November 14th; Philander P. Barclay, July 16th, and George W. Lininger, June 8th in Omaha, Neb., where he had resided since 1874. Companion Lininger served as Grand High Priest in 1867 and later served the Nebraska bodies as Grand Master of Masons in 1877, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1901 and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1899. At the time of his death he was President of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were authorized to purchase a set of jewels for the Grand Officers.

The special committee of Grand Officers to decide on floor movements and paraphernalia met early in the year but nothing of importance was done except approve the action of the Grand Lecturers and adopt the methods already in use as taught at the schools of instruction.

This year occurred the death of Companion James Douglas, an early member of the Board of Grand Examiners of the Grand Lodge and sixty-four years a Royal Arch Mason, a record attained by very few.

1908.

MONROE C. CRAWFORD, Grand High Priest.

The annual convocation was opened by Monroe C. Crawford, Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter sustained a great loss when Companion Gilbert Wordsworth Barnard who had served as Grand Secretary for nearly thirty years laid down the working tools of life and departed for his Heavenly Home on June 19th. George W. Warvelle was appointed to fill the remainder of the year, was elected Grand Secretary and served for several years in that capacity.

The Grand Chapter of Idaho was welcomed as a new member of the official family and Grand Representatives were exchanged.

The Grand High Priest declared that a most flourishing condition existed; no charter had been arrested, every chapter had made proper returns and the net increase in membership (1,560) was the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest also congratulated the Grand Chapter on the class of candidates saying:

“The older members of our order can look with especial satisfaction at accessions to our ranks, composed as they are of young men, strong, active, intelligent, of fine character and imbued with the spirit of this most progressive age. In their hands Capitular Masonry is safe.”

The Grand High Priest recommended an increase in salary from \$400 to \$1,000 for the Grand High Priest but Grand Chapter compromised by making it \$600.

1909.

FREDERICK E. HOBERG, Grand High Priest.

The senior Past Grand High Priest, Loyal Levi Munn, who presided in 1865, died at his home in Freeport, November 23rd. Companion John O'Neill, Grand High Priest in 1885, died September 25th.

The Grand High Priest received a request for a dispensation to permit a chapter to take two teams to a neighboring city to be exalted by the latter chapter. The request was refused for the reason

“that Section 27 of Grand Chapter By-Laws provides that a Chapter can only legally meet in the town or municipality named in its charter or warrant.”

Recommendation was made that the Committee on Obituaries be reduced from three to one member but Grand Chapter did not concur. Recommendation was also made that the Committee on Grievances be appointed only when there was a complaint to be settled but this likewise was rejected.

The new jewels for the Grand Officers were worn for the first time and new aprons were ordered for the Grand Officers.

The Grand Chapter of Wyoming was recognized.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was changed from \$1,800 to \$2,400.

Two chapters entered into a written agreement to make a town about equally distant from both concurrent jurisdiction. Said agreement was submitted to Grand Chapter for confirmation but it was declared to be a violation of the law as waiver of jurisdiction could only be granted in specific cases and by due process of law.

1910.

HENRY HUNTER MONTGOMERY, Grand High Priest.

Again it was the melancholy duty of the Grand High Priest to record the death of two Past Grand High Priests who had served the craft long and faithfully in numerous important positions. Companion William Berry Grimes, Grand High Priest in 1898 and Chairman of the Board of Grand Examiners of the Grand Lodge for several years died at his home in Pittsfield April 10th, and John M. Pearson, Grand High Priest in 1869, Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and Past Grand Commander died June 4th at Godfrey.

The frequent loss of rituals was brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter and recommendation made that each chapter be required to pay one dollar per ritual and in case of loss a fine of five dollars be assessed but the recommendation was thought too stringent and failed to be adopted.

An attempt was made to penalize "dead" chapters by giving the Grand High Priest authority to grant a dispensation to any Master Mason permitting him to petition a chapter other than that which held jurisdiction when said chapter was unable to confer the degrees but the Jurisprudence Committee thought this would be a violation of the fundamental principles of Masonry.

1911.

JOHN C. HALLENBECK, Grand High Priest.

An attempt was made to change the law to provide that no representative could draw a greater sum for mileage and per diem than his chapter paid in dues but the amendment failed to pass.

The Grand High Priest recommended that a suitable building be erected to provide a permanent home for the Grand Chapter records but the question was deferred for one year and no further action was ever taken.

Grand Chapter approved a ruling that seven teams was the limit for one day and evening session or five teams for one afternoon and evening.

To assist candidates in receiving degrees without delay a recommendation was made that

“When a Chapter goes one year without exalting any candidates the territory of that Chapter shall be made Concurrent Jurisdiction with the two nearest Chapters.”

Grand Chapter was not ready for this change but the seed planted developed six years later into the present law providing concurrent jurisdiction when a chapter fails to hold any convocations for six successive months.

On July 1st Charles Fisher, last surviving member of those who attended the organization of the Grand Chapter, died at his home in Springfield. The funeral ceremonies at the house were conducted by Elwood Commandery K. T. and the Grand Lodge took charge of the services at the cemetery.

The Grand High Priest was empowered to appoint a special committee to co-operate with similar committees from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery to formulate a plan for united charity work.

1912.

CHARLES CLARK DAVIS, Grand High Priest.

Immediately after the opening ceremonies, the Grand High Priest retired whereupon the Deputy Grand High Priest announced that Companion Davis had been elected General Grand Master of the First Veil the preceding September at the 35th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis. He was then accorded an official reception.

The Grand Chapter of Utah was accorded recognition.

William J. A. DeLancey, Grand High Priest in 1874, died February 13th at the ripe age of eighty-six years.

The joint committees of United Charity failed to reach an agreement. A new committee was appointed to devise a plan whereby the Grand Chapter could act independently.

The question of “border line jurisdiction” again came up but Grand Chapter concurred in the action of the former committee which reported in 1902.

Grand Chapter held that the loss of either hand does not disqualify a petitioner for degrees. This and other decisions have been consolidated into Section 373 of the present law.

It was also held that a member who has been legally adjudged insane should be considered civilly dead and his chapter not liable for per capita tax.

A difference of opinion regarding the proper clothing of candidates in the Royal Arch Degree was disposed of by a resolution reading:

“Hereafter candidates entering the Chapters to receive the Royal Arch Degree, shall not wear aprons until presented with Royal Arch aprons at the regular and proper time, in accordance with the ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter.”

Provision was made to increase the number of schools of instruction from three to five to satisfy the greatly increased demand for ritualistic instruction.

1913.

WILLIAM B. CARLOCK, Grand High Priest.

The Angel of Death touched three prominent members of the craft: Samuel W. Waddle, Grand High Priest in 1879, died February 1st; John A. Ladd, Grand High Priest in 1884, died July 1st, and Abel M. Hallowell, Deputy Grand High Priest, was taken October 24th, only six days before the annual convocation, at which time he would have been elected Grand High Priest.

That the action of the preceding year in increasing the number of schools of instruction was justified is shown by the report of the Grand High Priest:

“With regard to these schools, and speaking from experience, they are of great benefit to the craft; their good results are well known throughout the State and their popularity on the increase.

The standard work is being exemplified more correctly and impressively than ever before, and that too, by a large majority of the Chapters.”

Unusually severe storms throughout the country had caused great damage in several localities and an appeal for aid for unfortunate companions in the southern part of the state resulted in generous donations being made by most of the chapters.



The Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan, Erected 1915

A pleasing incident was the presentation of a gavel by Companion William Forbes, of Grimsby, Ontario, who had been Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois near the Grand Chapter of Canada for thirty-three consecutive years and who desired to express his appreciation of the honor thus bestowed upon him.

The adoption of the report of the special committee on Charity was one of the most important events in the history of the Grand Chapter. This provided for a donation of \$50,000 to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of erecting a hospital on the grounds of the Masonic Home at Sullivan. The report was adopted with the greatest enthusiasm by a unanimous vote.

1914.

LOUIS LINCOLN EMMERSON, Grand High Priest.

October 3rd the corner stone of the hospital was laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Grand Master of Masons assisted by several officers of the Grand Chapter, in the presence of a large assembly of Masons.

Legislation was passed making all Past Grand High Priests not otherwise assigned members of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The law was changed to provide concurrent jurisdiction for all chapters in Cook County.

The action noted above concludes the official record of the transactions of the annual convocation but the year was a very busy one. The numerous meetings incident to the building and furnishing of the hospital required much time, thought and energy. The building stands as a monument to the unselfish devotion of the numerous members of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter who gave so freely of their time and labor to carry this enterprise through to a successful conclusion.

1915.

EVERETT ROBERT TURNBULL, Grand High Priest.

What was perhaps the greatest gathering of Masons in Illinois occurred on July 5th, the 4th being Sunday, when the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital was formally presented to the Grand Lodge by the Grand High Priest and received by the Grand Master, Henry T. Burnap. A complete report of the exercises will be found in the proceedings of that year.

A new ritual was adopted which has proven of great benefit in many ways and which will probably remain the standard work of Illinois for several years to come.

The sum of \$5,000 was appropriated for the maintenance of the Memorial Hospital.

The system of inspection of chapters by line Grand Officers being entirely without merit, Grand Chapter voted to divide the state into twenty-seven districts, each to be in charge of an inspector, to be appointed by the Grand High Priest, whose duty is to exercise a general supervision over the chapters in the district. These inspectors were made officers of the Grand Chapter.

The title of the Grand Lecturers was changed to Grand Examiners and they were given authority to recommend the issuance of commissions as Grand Lecturers to such present or past high priests who should pass a satisfactory examination on the ritualistic ceremonies.

Recommendation was made that the law be revised and made more complete and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

1916.

HARRY WARNER HARVEY, Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter lost one of its most competent and enthusiastic members in the death of Companion Chauncey F. Newkirk, Grand Captain of the Host, which occurred September 18th.

“He was a good husband, a kind father, a splendid citizen, a lovable man and a Mason.”

These are the words used by the Grand High Priest in announcing his death.

Early in the year the new rituals were distributed and each chapter was given five instead of three as heretofore.

Relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland were severed on account of the establishment of a chapter by that body in Manila, P. I., after the islands became United States territory and therefore under the exclusive jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

The Memorial Hospital was remembered with an appropriation of \$5,000 for its maintenance.

Copies of the proposed new law were distributed to the chapters but the time being too short to enable the Jurisprudence Committee to make a complete examination the whole matter was deferred one year.

1917.

JAMES E. JEFFERS, Grand High Priest.

Past Grand High Priest Robert L. McKinlay died January 23rd.

The committee on revision of the Book of Ceremonials presented a complete report of all the forms and ceremonies needed for Capitular purposes.

The joint committees of Jurisprudence and Revision of Law recommended the adoption of the new code of laws submitted the preceding year as amended by them and the report was adopted as read.

The difference between the Grand Chapter of Canada and that of Alberta having been satisfactorily adjusted recognition was given the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The usual donation of \$5,000 to the Memorial Hospital, another of \$1,000 to the Red Cross and one of \$500 to the Illinois Masonic Hospital were made.

1918.

ARTHUR E. WOOD, Grand High Priest.

Companion Wood has the distinction of having served longer than any other Grand High Priest with one exception. On account of an epidemic of influenza it was necessary to postpone the annual convocation from October 24th until December 3rd.

Past Grand High Priest Marcus M. Lord passed away March 5th in Peoria at the age of seventy-five years.

On account of laxity in some quarters concerning the protection of rituals, the law was changed to provide a penalty of ten dollars for the loss of a ritual.

Like every well regulated family, the Grand Chapter moved smoothly along in its appointed path; no questions of importance were submitted for decision and no complaints were filed. The District Inspectors successfully managed the business of their respective districts and the Grand High Priest was not burdened with other than routine business.

Five hundred dollars was given to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association. A special appropriation of \$2,000 was made for the purpose of constructing a reservoir and dam on the grounds of the Masonic Home at Sullivan.

1919.

WILLIAM C. SOMMER, Grand High Priest.

Two of our most able Past Grand High Priests passed away within three days of each other: Companions Monroe C. Crawford, March 11th and William Leroy Milligan, March 14th.

The Grand Chapter of British Columbia was recognized.

The usual appropriation of \$5,000 was made for the Memorial Hospital and a special appropriation of \$1,500 for the purpose of building a garage at the Masonic Home. \$1,000 was also donated to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association at Chicago.

1920.

FRANK SPENCER, Grand High Priest.

The General Grand High Priest, Companion Frederick E. Craig, was an honored visitor.

The death of Companion Joseph E. Dyas occurred September 2nd while attending the Grand Commandery at Rock Island. Companion Dyas had served as Grand High Priest in 1889 and as General Grand High Priest 1906-7-8.

The committee appointed to examine the ritual of the General Grand Chapter recommended that no action be taken.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised to \$3,000.

The usual appropriation of \$5,000 for the maintenance of the hospital and a special appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose of adding a solarium to the hospital.

The customary appropriation of \$1,000 was made for the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association. \$500 was subscribed to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Seven hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for the use of installing a card index system in the office of the Grand Secretary.

1921.

ANDREW D. WEBB, Grand High Priest.

The high water mark for gain in membership was reached this year when a total of 10,893 exaltations were reported. At the end of the first 26 years of its existence the total membership of the Grand Chapter was only 10,828.

The time for filing annual reports and paying per capita tax was changed from September 30th to August 1st.

A resolution to permit collective balloting on petitions for degrees was rejected,

“it being a deviation from the original plan of Masonry as taught and practised in our symbolic lodges on which the system of Capitular Masonry is based.”

An appropriation of \$1,000 for steel filing cases and the usual ones for \$1,000 for the Illinois Masonic Hospital and \$5,000 for the Memorial Hospital were made.

The Grand Lodge having failed to use the special appropriation of the preceding year for the erection of a solarium at the hospital on account of excessive prices asked, the order was cancelled and a new one for the same amount voted. Another special appropriation of \$5,000 was made for the purpose of improving the road adjoining the hospital.

1922.

WILBUR C. HADLEY, Grand High Priest.

Only two months after surrendering the gavel, Past Grand High Priest Andrew D. Webb laid down the working tools of life and entered into his eternal home, his death occurring December 29th, 1921.

Companion William Charles Sommer, who presided in 1919, passed away April 19th.

The usual appropriation of \$5,000 for the hospital and a further one for \$6,000 for the purpose of installing a septic tank and sewage system were made.

A special appropriation of \$4,000 was made to purchase an X-ray machine for the Illinois Masonic Hospital.

A section was added to the law to declare a life member who had not been heard from for seven years legally dead.

1923.

WILLIAM A. EICHLER, Grand High Priest.

Companion William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, was an honored visitor.

Companion Frederick E. Hoberg, who presided in 1908, died at his home in Peru March 28th.

Two new Grand Chapters, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, were accorded recognition.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Texas were severed.

Appropriations were made to the amount of \$5,000 for the Memorial Hospital, \$2,000 for the Illinois Masonic Hospital, \$1,000 for the Near East Relief, \$1,000 for the benefit of the sufferers in the Japanese earthquake and \$1,000 to provide book cases and equipment for the Grand Secretary's office.

A special committee was appointed to consider the advisability of providing more complete facilities for the care and treatment of those members who are in need of special hospital attention.

1924.

JOHN CHARLES FERRIN, Grand High Priest.

This being the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter the Oxford Quartette rendered a delightful musical program before the business of the year was considered.

The edict issued in 1916 severing relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland until such time as that body should recognize the exclusive jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in the Phillipine Islands was revoked; all differences between the two principals having been satisfactorily adjusted.

The by-laws were amended to provide for the payment of five dollars per diem to representatives instead of three as heretofore.

The sum of \$50,000 was appropriated for the purpose of assisting the Grand Lodge in the erection of an addition to the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Home at Sullivan.

The chapters composing the five districts in Cook County provided the necessary funds for the construction of a wading pool for the benefit of the younger children at the Masonic Orphans' Home at LaGrange.

The sum of \$3,000 was donated to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association at Chicago and \$1,000 was contributed to the Near East Relief Fund.

The Grand Secretary was directed to provide more suitable and safe quarters for the office and records of the Grand Chapter. The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised to \$4,200 per annum.

Appropriate exercises were held in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Grand Chapter on the evening of the first day.

This review closes the record of three-quarters of a century. The Grand Chapter now has 237 chartered chapters and 86,410 members with which to begin the last quarter of its journey to the century mark.

Hiram A. Clevensline was elected Grand High Priest.

WHEN the Grand Chapter was organized in 1850 there were about 300 Royal Arch Masons in the state. Twenty-five years later the number had increased to 9,823 and at the end of the fiftieth year there were 17,095 names on the membership roll. The 1924 returns show 86,410.

At the end of the first quarter century the membership ratio between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter was about 24 per cent; at the end of the second quarter the ratio had increased to 31 per cent and the present proportion is approximately the same.

The financial statement showed by quarter centuries is

	Cash Balance	Investments
1874	\$ 825.37	\$ 2,000
1899	14,688.03	7,000
1924	46,011.37	50,000

From the first, the Grand Chapter has been prominent in charitable works. The record of the earlier years is stated in the 50th anniversary memorial volume. Since 1899 contributions were regularly made to the Masonic Orphans' Home until that institution was taken over by

the Grand Lodge. The finances were then conserved until the need for hospital facilities at the Masonic Home became imperative. At the 1913 convocation the sum of \$50,000 was given to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of erecting the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital as part of the Masonic Home. Every year since the erection of the hospital generous appropriations have been made for its support and, in recent years, substantial contributions have been made to assist the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association of Chicago. At the 1924 convocation an additional \$50,000 was given to the Grand Lodge to assist in the erection of an addition to the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan.

During the last twenty-five years an equal number of companions have presided over the Grand Chapter. When the half century ended Gilbert W. Barnard was Grand Secretary. His death in 1908 created a vacancy which was filled by the election of George W. Warvelle who, after ten years service, retired and the present incumbent, James E. Jeffers, was elected.

Wiley M. Egan, Grand Treasurer since 1880, died in 1903 and his mantle fell upon George W. Curtiss, who has had charge of the finances since that date.

The constitution and by-laws in force at the fiftieth anniversary were revised in 1901 and again in 1913. The growth of the Grand Chapter and changes in its administrative methods soon made another revision necessary. In 1915 a special committee, consisting of E. R. Turnbull, H. W. Harvey and A. H. Bell, was appointed to entirely re-write the code. Its labor was completed and the code now in force was adopted in 1917.

From the beginning efforts were made to secure uniformity in ritualistic ceremonies. In 1854 it was

“Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer is hereby instructed to perfect himself in the work as exemplified by the Gen. Gr. Chapter, and that he report at the next Annual Convocation.”

Nothing came from this attempt but the question of uniformity continued to be discussed until 1868, at which time the first ritual was formally adopted and the committee declared it to be one “which would stand the test now and for all time.” The ritual did “stand the test” for thirty-one years when it was discarded for that of the General Grand Chapter. That ritual was printed in two parts, alternate lines being in different books.

This arrangement was so difficult to read that the rituals were returned to the General Grand Secretary in 1901 and a very similar work in one book was adopted. The inception and development of the system of schools of instruction focused the attention of the craft on details and several minor inconsistencies and irregularities were corrected by the adoption in 1915 of the ritual in use at present.

The change from individuality to uniformity began when Leroy A. Goddard, G. H. P., called the first school of instruction in 1905. This crude attempt developed the fact that no two chapters were conferring the degrees in the same manner, but the leaven had started to work and each year showed some improvement. The use of the standard floor work was gradually extended and with this came a demand for recognition from high priests who wished to become officially connected with the promulgation of the ritual.

Perhaps the greatest forward step ever taken by the Grand Chapter was the adoption in 1915, of legislation permitting high priests to become Grand Lecturers upon passing a satisfactory examination before the Board of Grand Examiners, and of the system of official inspection of chapters whereby the state was divided into twenty-seven districts with a competent companion in charge of each. This identical system of inspection was recommended by George W. Warvelle, G. H. P., in 1901, but there was no general demand for such legislation and his recommendation was not adopted. Each year since 1915 has demonstrated the wisdom of this legislation. The list of Grand Lecturers is gradually increasing and the use of the standard floor movements has become well nigh universal. District Inspectors, having accumulated experience, are able to give their chapters more efficient service each year. Since 1915 the membership of the Grand Chapter has more than doubled and the corresponding increase in finances has permitted larger appropriations for charitable purposes in addition to the accumulation of a fund for future emergencies.

The founders of Capitular Masonry in Illinois were men who firmly believed in the application of Masonic principles to their every day life. They endured hardships and trials in their efforts to perfect their organizations and to increase the influence of their beloved Order.

After a life time of labor they went to their eternal rest without having seen the fruition of their hopes while we of today are reaping the rich reward of their years of sacrifice.

The Order of High Priesthood

THE history of this Order up to and including the year 1899 is succinctly told in the fiftieth anniversary memorial volume. That year Loyal L. Munn was elected president for the thirty-third time. Two years later he resigned and John C. Smith was elected to succeed him. After accepting his resignation the following resolutions were adopted:

“Whereas, Companion Loyal Levi Munn, President of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Illinois, has asked to be excused from further service in the office he has so worthily filled for thirty-five years,

Therefore Be It Resolved: That in granting this request we wish to put on record our thanks for the valued services rendered and the fact that during the time named he has consecrated and anointed 1,233 installed High Priests, thus making a length of service and a consecration of more Companions than ever before known in our Order.

Resolved, That Companion Loyal Levi Munn carries with him our loving esteem and our fervent prayer that he be spared to enjoy the many Masonic honors he has so worthily earned.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be suitably engraved and presented to Companion Munn.”

In 1905 Companion Smith resigned and William K. Forsyth became president. He continued in office until 1911 when he was succeeded by George M. Moulton who officiated until 1920, on which date he retired and the present incumbent, Harry W. Harvey, was elected.

The office of Recorder-Treasurer was filled by Haswell C. Clarke in 1900 but his death that year created a vacancy which was filled by the election of Philander W. Barclay. Companion Barclay died in 1907 and Horatio G. Diener was elected but only served one year. In 1908 George W. Warvelle was elected and held the office until 1918, at which time he resigned and was followed by Sylvester O. Spring. Companion Spring resigned after

two years' service and the present recorder, Everett R. Turnbull, was elected.

At the convention in 1900 the Recorder was directed to procure the seal now in use. In 1905 the President and Steward were directed to purchase a Communion or Libation Set, the design to be selected by those officers. At the 1906 convention a committee was appointed to revise the ritual of the Order. After three years labor that committee presented the ritual in use at the present time. Their report was adopted and the ritual ordered type-written and suitably bound. At the convention in 1909 Companion Warvelle read an article entitled "Observations on the Order of High Priesthood." The subjects treated are: Origin and Early History, Ancient Constitutional Regulations, Conventions and Councils, the Work, the Basic Legend, Symbolism of the Degree, History of the Order in Illinois. The article is very comprehensive and was published in the proceedings and in pamphlet form.

A special convention was held June 9th, 1923, to accommodate several high priests living in Cook County who had failed to present themselves at the annual conventions on account of business engagements. This was the only special convention that was ever held.

The annual conventions have been devoted principally to the business of anointing high priests but each year some social feature has been introduced. During his incumbency Companion Moulton made a practice of delivering an address on some phase of High Priesthood or of Capitular Masonry. The reports were interesting, entertaining and instructive. At the 1923 convention a masterly address was delivered by Companion William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest.

For several years it was customary to donate the treasury balance to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home to provide a Christmas dinner but when that institution became part of the Grand Lodge charities the practice was discontinued and the surplus placed in a permanent fund. At the present writing there are six hundred dollars invested in Liberty Bonds and, in addition, a good cash balance.

Up to and including the year 1899 a total of 983 high priests had been entered in the official register of members. Since that date 1,248 more have been added. The largest number anointed in any one year was in 1923 when two conventions were held; 145 were anointed.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF THE
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF
GRAND ROYAL
ARCH CHAPTER
OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS

1900 to 1924
ALSO
1850 and 1877

JOHN H. HOLTON—1850.

“**M**AN passes away; his name perishes from record and recollection; his history is as a tale that is told, and his very monument becomes a ruin.”

How true are these words. John H. Holton was one of the most prominent men of his time and yet it was only by the most patient and persevering work of Companion A. A. Whipple that even this short sketch has been rescued from oblivion.

Major Holton, as he was familiarly called, was born in Palmer, Hampden County, Mass., in 1804. He came to Quincy with his parents in 1835 and ten years later was married to Miss Vilena Stevens.

He was elected president of the first Adams County Agricultural Society in 1837. He offered himself as a candidate for Recorder of Adams County and filled that position from 1839 to 1849. Retiring from this office, he was immediately elected Magistrate and held this office until 1861. He also served as alderman for four years. President Franklin Pierce appointed him mail agent from St. Louis to Keokuk, and when General Grant became president, Companion Holton was appointed gauger and inspector, which position he held for three years.

He was much interested in military matters and organized a volunteer troop of cavalry, “Holton’s Dragoons,” which was known far and wide for the excellence and precision of its drill. When an announcement was made that Holton’s Dragoons would participate in a parade, people assembled from all parts of the county to witness the exhibition and none were ever disappointed.

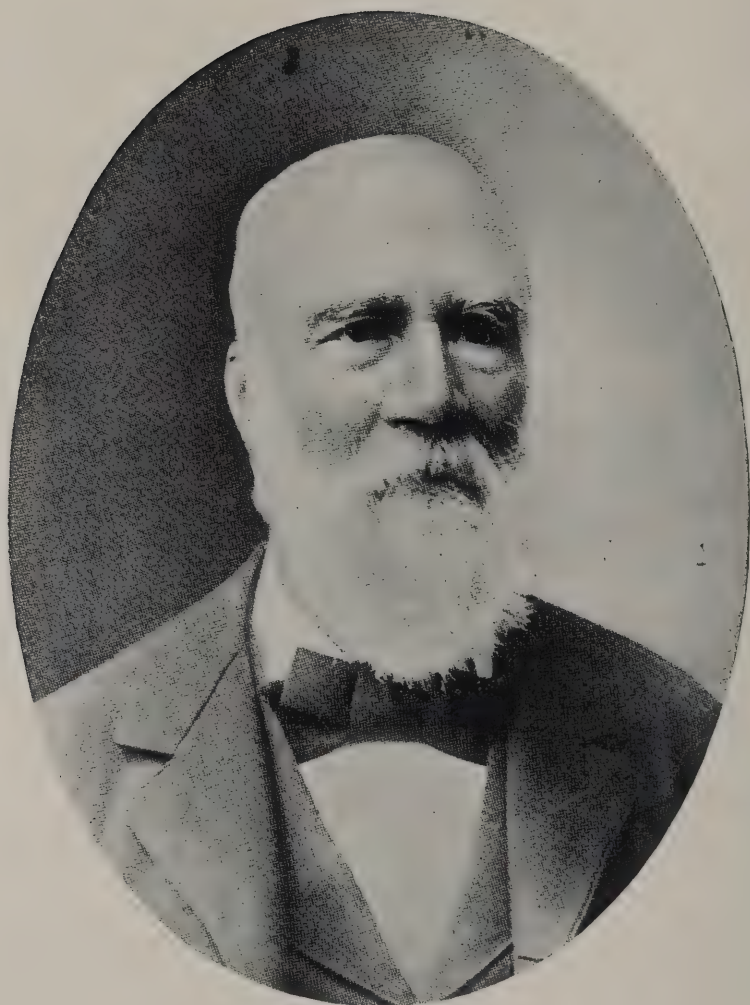
He recruited Company D, 118th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served as its captain for over a year although at the time nearly sixty years of age. He was discharged March 28, 1863.

He received the lodge and chapter degrees in Mass. June 3, 1837 he affiliated with Bodley Lodge No. 1 and served as Master in 1838 and 1841. November 24, 1846, he dimitted and his name disappeared from the lodge records.

In October, 1845, he was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge.

He affiliated with Quincy Chapter U. D. April 1, 1846 and served as R. A. C. in 1846-47; Principal Sojourner in 1851 and High Priest in 1849-50. He was present at the organization of the Grand Chapter April 10th, 1850 and was elected Deputy Grand High Priest. At the annual convocation in Alton October 14, 1850, he was elected Grand High Priest and served one year. He dimitted from his chapter December 26, 1852.

His long public service is sufficient evidence of his popularity, but the fact that every boy in the neighborhood was his pal and crony sheds a brilliant light on his character. During his later years, he suffered a paralytic stroke which affected one side so severely that he ever afterward was an invalid. During this time it was the custom of his boy friends to congregate at his home and listen to his stories and advice. In May 1882 he suffered a second stroke from which he never recovered and his death occurred August 29, 1882 at the ripe age of seventy-eight years. He was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, Quincy, Illinois.



JAMES C. McMURTRY

JAMES CHAMPION McMURTRY—1877.

THE END of life's journey came to Dr. James C. McMurry, March 31, 1903. Three score and fourteen years seem short when measured by the space of all eternity, but in the life of Dr. McMurry they stand for long years of service to humanity, of devotion to his profession as a physician and earnestness in his relation to the Masonic fraternity. He was a man of conviction, possessed of a strong will and a mind stored with knowledge. He was a great reader and thorough student. In his community and in Masonry, he was looked up to as a leader.

Dr. McMurry came from an illustrious family, long prominent in the affairs of the county and state. His family sprang from French Huguenots. His great grandfather, John McMurry, had a large family of children, five of whom were killed in the Revolutionary War at the battle of Cowpens. His father, William McMurry, was a remarkable man, strong intellectually, and a leader of men. He served as a member of the Legislature in 1836, as state senator in the thirteenth and fourteenth general assemblies, and as Lieutenant Governor in 1848. He was a captain in the Odd Battalion of Mounted Rangers in the Black Hawk War. He was also Colonel of the 67th Regiment of the Illinois militia and during a portion of the Civil War was Colonel of the 102nd Illinois Infantry.

The governor, as he was known, was early a member of the Masonic fraternity and served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge from 1846 to 1860 inclusive, and from 1853 to 1861 inclusive he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter.

The subject of this sketch, Dr. James C. McMurry, was born February 3rd, 1829, in Crawford County, Indiana. Shortly after, his father moved to Knox County, Illinois and this remained the home of Dr. McMurry until his death. At the time of his death he was the longest continuous resident of Knox County. His first education was obtained at a subscription school in the community, later he attended Knox College, Galesburg, until his junior year, 1851, when he went to Union Col-

lege, New York, where he graduated in 1852. He took his degree in medicine at Rush Medical College in 1854 and practiced his profession in Henderson, Illinois, until his death.

He was married June 9th, 1855, to Caroline Nelson, of Warren County. Five children were born to them: James W., Franklin H., Susan H., Caroline and Mary.

Fraternally, Companion McMurtry was connected with a number of organizations in which he took an active part.

He was raised in Hiram Lodge No. 26, A. F. & A. M., in 1853 at Henderson, Illinois, and served this lodge as Worshipful Master for twenty-two years. In 1855 he was appointed Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge, which office he held for one year. From 1880 to 1885 he was Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge.

He joined Horeb Chapter No. 4, R. A. M., at Knoxville, in 1855 and served as high priest in 1871. In 1872 he entered the line of the Grand Chapter as Grand Principal Sojourner and was advanced regularly until in 1877 he was elected and installed Grand High Priest. It was during his administration that the merger of the Grand Council with the Grand Chapter was consummated. From 1881 until his death he was the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

In 1862 he received the Orders of Knighthood in Galesburg Commandery No. 8, Galesburg, Illinois.

It was his privilege to round out a half century of Masonic life full of activity and service. Men live for a little while and are gone, replaced by others who do their work. It is so with Companion McMurtry, but his influence was for good and the example he gave remains to inspire us to greater effort.



CHARLES H. PATTON

CHARLES HAYWARD PATTON—1901.

THE name of Charles H. Patton is associated with true optimism and high ideals. His characteristic smile, his jovial disposition and his cordial friendship will never be forgotten. With all these, he possessed a brilliant, logical mind, a native shrewdness and a rare diplomacy which rendered him a power in the upbuilding of the community in which he lived.

Masonry may well be proud of his achievements. With all his accomplishments as a profound and skillful lawyer, and as an enterprising citizen and public official, his career as a just and upright Mason stands out pre-eminent. He loved Masonry devotedly and was never so happy as when in its service. For forty-two years of his useful life, he was a member of the fraternity. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Relief Lodge No. 284, Pierpont, Ohio, and from that time until his death, almost continuously, held some official position in Masonic bodies. For many years he was a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 31, serving several years as Worshipful Master. He was exalted in Centralia Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., October 14, 1869 and became a charter member of H. W. Hubbard Chapter (now Andrew D. Webb Chapter) No. 160 in 1873, and served as high priest for several years. He also received the degrees of Royal and Select Master; and on February 25, 1880 Tancred Commandery No. 50, K. T., conferred upon him the Order of the Temple. On October 24, 1901 he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. His administration was begun with characteristic zeal, and much was being accomplished for the welfare and prosperity of the Grand Chapter, but on December 23, 1901, God called him in the midst of duty and usefulness to the Grand Chapter above. Since his death, Patton Commandery No. 69, K. T., has been organized and named in his honor.

Charles H. Patton was born in Hartford County, Connecticut, May 19, 1834. He was of the best blood of a sturdy New England ancestry, his father being Eliphalet W. Patton, a descendant of the early English settlers of Connecticut. His mother, before her marriage,

was Miss Ladora A. Griswold, a descendant of an honored Vermont family. The youthful years of Companion Patton were spent on the farm in Ashtabula County, Ohio where his parents removed in 1835. At the age of twenty-one he became a teacher in the public schools, which vocation he very successfully followed for a few years. But his great ambition was to be a lawyer, and on March 12, 1862 was admitted to the bar, after studying law in the office of Judge Milton A. Leonard, a distinguished lawyer and jurist of Pierpont, Ohio. In 1862 he began the practice in Jefferson County, Illinois and continued this practice until his death. He was known far and wide as one of the shrewdest and ablest members of his profession. In 1865 he was elected County Clerk of Jefferson County, Illinois. In 1899 by the unanimous approval and endorsement of the Jefferson County Bar, he was chosen Master in Chancery.

Companion Patton was married November 17, 1854 to Miss Charlotte Shave of Bere Regis, Dorsetshire, England who came to America with her parents in her early childhood. Four children, all now living, blessed this union. The happiness and congeniality of this excellent family were proverbial.

Few men lived such a happy life or were so blessed in their relations with their family and friends as was Companion Patton; and his passing from earth was a severe and irreparable loss to his family, his Masonic brethren and his multitude of friends.

—Written by C. W. Harriss.



A. A. Whipple

ALFRED AUGUSTUS WHIPPLE—1902.

CLOSELY allied to the principles upon which is based the Brotherhood of Freemasonry—charity, unselfishness, and fraternal relationship between men, and a confidence in the goodness and mercy of a Supreme Being—are the qualities necessary to the successful practice of the medical profession. Brought daily face to face with the sterner side of life, by constant association with sickness and suffering, the physician must possess a character consistent with the duties inseparable from his life, and his predominating attribute must necessarily be a generous consideration for his fellow men.

Since 1876 Dr. Whipple has followed the profession to which in his youth he determined to devote his life. That he has succeeded in his laudable undertaking is amply attested by his present honorable standing in the medical world.

He was for ten years treasurer of the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Association, and its president in 1894-95. He is also a Senior in the American Institute of Homeopathy, the oldest National Medical Association in the United States.

He was born in Mansfield, N. Y., October 31st, 1845, and attended the public school until the breaking out of the war. His father enlisted in the Union Army and left to the boy the care and support of his mother and five younger children. His father was taken prisoner in 1863 and died in Andersonville prison about one year later.

Dr. Whipple was, for seven years, a clerk in the offices of the Erie Railroad at Salamanca.

He was married October 6, 1869 at Salamanca to Miss Lydia E. Learned, daughter of Dr. Henry Learned with whom he studied medicine.

To this union five children were born.

In January, 1876, Dr. Whipple graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio.

After several years practice in western New York he attended Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital at Chicago, Illinois, for post-graduate work, receiving his

degree from that institution in 1880. He then removed to Quincy in April of that year and has practiced his profession until the present time.

Early in life he was favorably impressed with the Masonic Fraternity and petitioned Cattaraugus Lodge No. 239, N. Y., for the degrees, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 30th, 1868. April 7th, 1882 he affiliated with Quincy Lodge No. 296 and was Worshipful Master in 1895-96.

He received the Capitular Degrees in Olean Chapter No. 150 at Olean, N. Y., in 1869 and soon after assisted in forming a new chapter at Salamanca, of which chapter he was a charter member and its first principal sojourner. November 29, 1881 he affiliated with Quincy Chapter No. 5 and served as high priest in 1891-92-93.

He was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil in 1893 and advanced through all the line offices being elected Deputy Grand High Priest in 1901. Through the untimely death of Companion Charles H. Patton, Grand High Priest, Companion Whipple became acting Grand High Priest and served in that capacity from December 23rd, 1901 until the annual convocation in October, 1902, at which time he was elected to fill the highest station within the gift of Capitular Masonry. After serving out the year he re-commenced his labors by serving on various committees and has been an active member ever since.

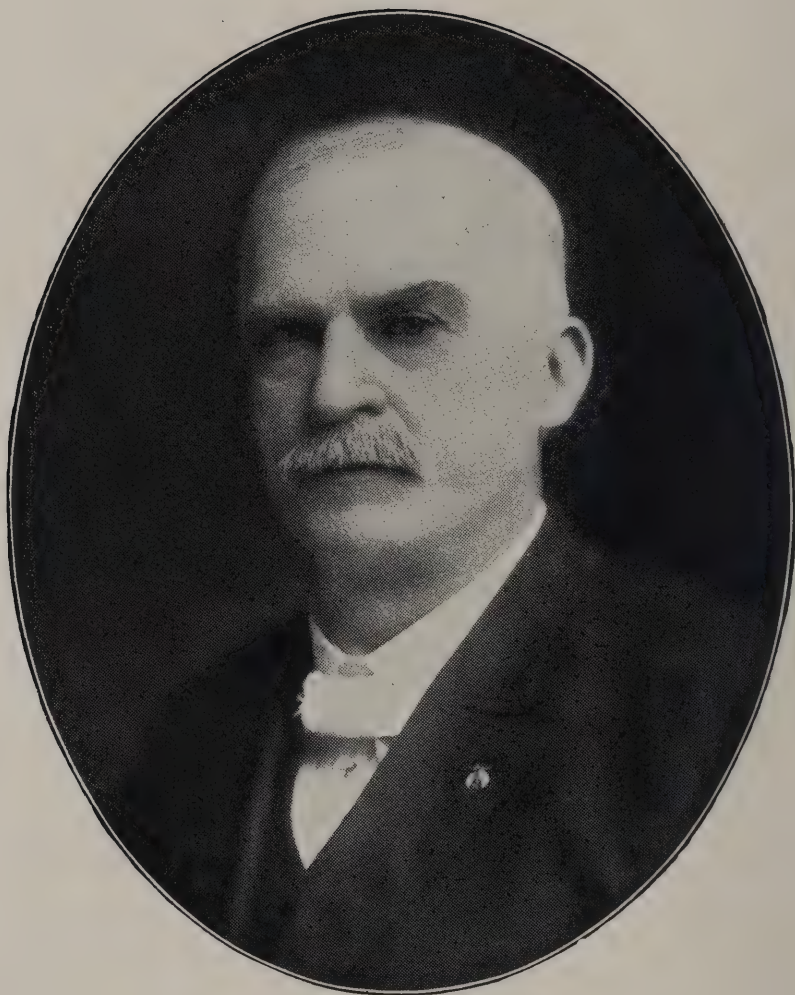
He was greeted as a select master in Quincy Council No. 15, R. & S. M., and presided over that body as Thrice Illustrious Master.

September 14th, 1882 he was admitted to the Orders of Knighthood by El Aksa Commandery No. 55 at Quincy and served as Eminent Commander in 1897-98. Soon after he entered the official line of the Grand Commandery and became Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1905-6.

The degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite were conferred on him January 18-19, 1887. In this rite he has been the recipient of many honors. For ten years 1888-99 he was orator of the Lodge of Perfection and in 1900-01 was Deputy Master. He was Sovereign Prince in 1901; Most Wise Master 1891-92 and Commander in Chief 1894-95-96. September 15th, 1903, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General Thirty-third Degree.

After nearly fifty years of service to the cause of humanity he has retired from active practice but still retains his old interest in Masonic affairs and is a regular attendant at all meetings.

And now, with his face toward the setting sun, he can look back upon the unrecallable past with the satisfaction of knowing that he has conscientiously performed his duty to his God and to humanity in general.



ROBERT L. McKINLAY

ROBERT LANG McKINLAY—1903.

ROBERT Lang McKinlay, attorney in Paris, Illinois, 1868 to 1917, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 14, 1839. His father was a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, but spent most of his life in Cincinnati where he worked as a mechanic. Young McKinlay inherited much of his father's mechanical skill, and at an annual exhibition of the Ohio Mechanical Institute in 1855, was awarded a premium for his exceptional ability.

In February, 1857, he received an appointment as acting midshipman in the U. S. Navy, and after making a cruise in which he visited France, Spain and the Maderia Islands, resigned his naval position and entered the Cincinnati Law School from which he graduated in 1860, and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession.

He was a classmate of Admirals Dewey and Sampson and Captains T. J. Higginson and J. H. Phillips who commanded the battleships Massachusetts and Texas during the war with Spain.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Twenty-second Ohio Infantry and rose to the rank of Captain of Company A, Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged May 26, 1862 on account of poor health.

He moved to Paris, Illinois, in the fall of 1868 and made that city his home for the rest of his life.

He entered actively into the public and political life of the community and was prominent in the affairs of the Democratic Party. He served four terms as city attorney. He was elected to the Legislature four times and in the Thirty-eighth General Assembly was recognized as a leader. He was appointed chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and also chairman of the steering committee and orator of the party. In 1894 he was a member of the State Senate.

He was united in marriage with Miss Margaret McMerchy of New Richmond, Ohio, in 1864. To them was born one son and two daughters.

Soon after reaching his twenty-first birthday, he received the degrees of symbolic Masonry in Felicity Lodge No. 102 at Felicity, Ohio. After locating in Paris, he

affiliated with Prairie Lodge No. 77 and served as its worshipful master for several years.

He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth District 1874-75-76.

The Capitular degrees were conferred on him by Edgar Chapter No. 32 in 1869 and the next year he was appointed Principal Sojourner. In 1880 and 1881 he wrote the report on Correspondence. In 1894 he was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil by William L. Milligan, G. H. P. He filled all the chairs in the official line and was elected and installed Grand High Priest in 1903. After retiring from office he served on various committees until failing health prevented his further attendance.

He was greeted as a select master in Young Council No. 9, R. & S. M., in 1870.

The degrees of Knighthood were conferred on him by Palestine Commandery No. 27, December 10, 1869. After serving his Commandery as Eminent Commander he entered the official line of the Grand Commandery in 1872 and became Grand Commander in 1878. His service in the Grand Commandery was one of "rare intelligence and discrimination."

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory S. P. R. S. in 1904 and was the class orator.

He also held membership in Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.

Companion McKinlay was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than fifty years and was in possession of the Veteran's Jewel of the Order.

During his long residence in Paris, he was a devoted member of St. Andrews' Episcopal Church.

He was a man of most genial and social habits, and deservedly attained a high and commanding position among his associates in the social, political and Masonic world.

His death occurred January 23, 1917, and he was laid to rest by Palestine Commandery No. 27, K. T.

It is fitting to end this brief sketch with the closing words of his annual address to the Grand Chapter in 1904.

"And when life has ended and you have crossed over the dark river, may you be greeted by the Grand Architect of the Universe with the glad plaudit, 'well done thou good and faithful servant.'"



L. A. Goodrich

LEROY ALBERT GODDARD—1904.

THERE are great souls who are natural leaders of men. Their loyalty to duty and independence in judgment, combined with high character, proved integrity and the courage of their convictions, enable them to achieve success by their own unaided efforts. Such men prosper because they are vitally concerned in the welfare of the people about them.

The truly great Mason is one who makes loyalty to the landmarks and constituted authorities the fundamental principle of his life; who never wavers in his allegiance to them nor in his efforts to further the interest of the craft at all times and in all places. Such a Mason is one whom the craft delight to honor. For him Masonic office is an opportunity for service rather than to gratify a personal ambition.

Leroy A. Goddard, son of James T. and Winifred (Spiller) Goddard, was born June 22, 1854, in Marion, Illinois. His grandparents came from Virginia in 1832 and settled near where the city of Marion now stands.

Companion Goddard was educated in the public schools in the winter time, working at odd jobs during the summers until sixteen years of age, when he quit school to devote his entire time to clerking in stores until he was twenty-one. He was a merchant and banker in Marion from 1875 to 1890. As he commenced banking January 1, 1879, he is this year rounding out forty-six years in that business. He organized and was President of the First National Bank of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, from 1890 to 1892. August 2, 1892 he assumed the position of cashier of the Fort Dearborn National Bank of Chicago and later was elected vice president, filling both positions until January, 1903, when he was elected president. He resigned June 1, 1908 to accept the vice presidency of the State Bank of Chicago, and was elected its president in May, 1909. In June, 1919, he resigned as president to accept his present position of Chairman of the Board.

Companion Goddard has the distinction of having been elected City Treasurer of Marion at the age of twenty-one and Mayor at twenty-three, serving two terms and

declined to permit the use of his name for the third. In 1918 he erected and presented to the city a cut stone chapel of gothic architecture, with a seating capacity of two hundred, locating it in the cemetery which he established while mayor.

His life in Chicago has been a very busy one. In addition to his banking and Masonic activities he was for two years President of the Chicago Clearing House Association, two years Treasurer of the Chicago Stock Exchange, one year President of the Bankers' Club of Chicago, and is an ex-president of the Union League Club of Chicago. He was for several years a member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers' Association and served one term as President of the Illinois Bankers' Association. He declined a position on the Federal Reserve Board offered by President Harding.

For a number of years he was a member of the Normal School Board of Illinois. He is now on the board of directors and a member of the finance committee of the United Charities of Chicago and of the Destitute Crippled Childrens' Home. He is a life member of the Art Institute of Chicago, of the Chicago Historical Society, of the Field Columbian Museum, and the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

He received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Fellowship Lodge No. 89 at Marion when twenty-one years of age and was elected Master of his Lodge four years later. He has attended every annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois from October, 1881.

It is said that he has not been absent from any session as much as one hour. He served two terms as Grand Master, 1894 and 1895, and is now the Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of which he has been Grand Treasurer since 1903. He delivered the oration as Grand Orator in 1920. He is Past High Priest of Marion Chapter No. 100, R. A. M., and of Mt. Carmel Chapter No. 159, his present affiliation. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois in 1905, having filled the line positions from Grand Master of the First Veil. He is one of the active members from Illinois of the Supreme Council Thirty-third Degree Masons and has been its treasurer since 1912; was also one of the five delegates from the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States to the International Conference of Thirty-third Degree Masons in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1922.

November 14, 1888 he married Miss Anna Breidenthal of Vincennes, Indiana. She was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, where her father, Col. H. Breidenthal, was a pioneer miller. Her mother, Elizabeth Hall Breidenthal, was a direct descendant of Lyman Hall, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Not being blessed with children of their own, Mrs. Goddard has ever been active in the education of other children and of philanthropic work. Besides various committees, she has served as President of the League of Religious Fellowship, Treasurer of the Chicago Woman's Club, Trustee of the Illinois Industrial School for Girls, President of the Robert Browning Study Class, fitting up a Browning Room in Abraham Lincoln Centre, and is a member of the House Committee of the Destitute Crippled Children's Home of Chicago.



GEORGE F. HENTHORNE

GEORGE F. HENTHORNE—1905.

IT IS a notable distinction to have lived in one city for more than a half century where one has gained the confidence and respect of those associated with him.

The distinguished companion whose life history is here so briefly presented is one in whom honesty of purpose and sterling integrity were early discovered by those with whom he came in contact. Of a retiring disposition and devoid of all ostentation, it is his delight and pleasure to be of assistance to his fellowmen. During his Masonic life honors came unsought and in every case he served his brethren conscientiously and well.

Companion Henthorne began his earthly existence in Lacon, Illinois, March 17, 1846 and remained there until his twenty-fifth year when he removed to Peoria, which city has been his home ever since.

May 3rd, 1871 he was made a Master Mason in Sparland Lodge No. 441, but shortly after transferred his membership to Temple Lodge No. 46 at Peoria, where it still remains.

He received the Royal Arch Degree in Peoria Chapter No. 7 on June 19, 1873 and was elected High Priest in 1889, serving in that capacity three years.

He was greeted as a select master in Peoria Council No. 11, April 11th, 1878, of which body he is a Past T. Ill. Master.

He was knighted in Peoria Commandery No. 3, March 27, 1874. In after years he was elected Eminent Commander and filled that position for two years.

He was the first Sovereign of St. Helena Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine at Peoria and is a Past Potentate of Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

He holds membership in the Scottish Rite bodies of Peoria.

For several years he has been a member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois.

For twenty-two years he filled the offices of Secretary of the Chapter and Recorder of the Commandery.

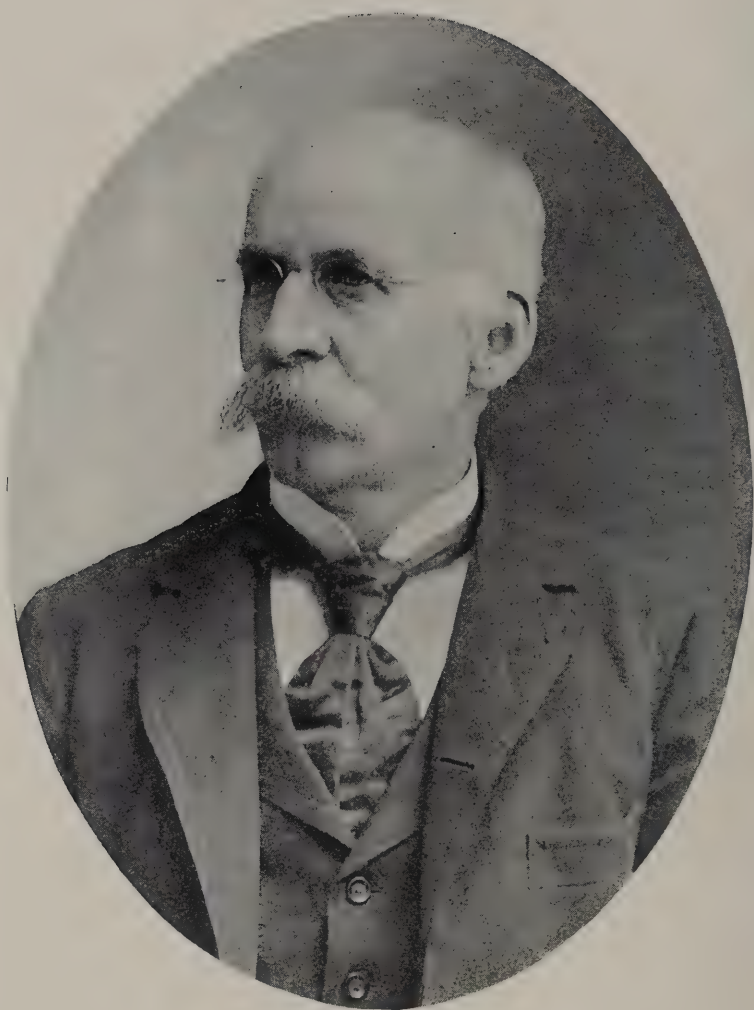
His most widely known service was in the Grand Chapter. In 1896 he was appointed Grand Master of the

First Veil by Fredric C. Winslow, G. H. P. He filled all the line grand offices and was installed Grand High Priest in October, 1905. He had the honor of heading the delegation from Illinois to the Thirty-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Boston. It was during his administration that the city of San Francisco was devastated by an earthquake. He promptly forwarded a draft for \$1,000 from the Grand Chapter and called upon the Chapters to contribute to the relief of their stricken companions. The response was immediate and generous and the action was gratefully acknowledged by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of California.

The days of his youth were spent amid the stirring scenes of the Civil War. On arriving at the age of eighteen he was mustered into Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry, May 13, 1864. This was one of the regiments recruited for the one hundred day service. Its principal service was garrison duty at Cairo but was dispatched in pursuit of a guerrilla party near Paducah, Kentucky, engaged the enemy and recovered much stolen property. After being returned to Peoria to be mustered out of the service a Confederate Army threatened St. Louis and President Lincoln requested the regiment to go to the assistance of the Union Army defending that city. Although the time of their enlistment had expired the men volunteered for service and remained nearly one month on this duty. For this prompt response to his request

“The President wrote a letter to the men of the regiment, expressing his thanks and commending them for their patriotism.”

At the conclusion of his army service Companion Henthorne engaged in business in Peoria and began to lay the foundation of a successful career and a contented life.



Marcus M Lord

MARCUS M. LORD—1906.

THIS prominent member of the fraternity was born in Stowe, Vermont, April 17, 1843 and was descended from ancient New England stock.

He received his education in his native state but later studied medicine in Philadelphia. For a number of years he practiced his profession. In 1883 he removed to Pontiac, Illinois, where he lived for some time, later removing to Chenoa where, for several years, he was engaged in the manufacture of proprietary medicines. In his later years he lived in Chicago where he carried on his manufacturing business.

In October, 1863 he enlisted in Company F, First Vermont Heavy Artillery, serving at Forts Sherman and Thayer and participating in the battles of North Ann River, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. He remained in the service until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged May 13, 1865.

In civil life he filled the offices of postmaster and justice of the peace with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public. He was also an officer in the Illinois State Militia.

He was made a Mason in Meridan Sun Lodge No. 20, Vermont, in March, 1865. After removing to Illinois he affiliated with Chenoa Lodge No. 292.

He was exalted in Chenoa Chapter No. 143 in November, 1885, and filled the office of High Priest in 1896-97. He entered the line of the Grand Chapter as Grand Master of the First Veil in 1897 and filled all the line offices. His year as Grand High Priest was uneventful.

The Cryptic Degrees were conferred on him by Chenoa Council while under dispensation, March 18, 1889. Soon after he was elected T. Ill. Master and immediately thereafter became prominent in the affairs of the Grand Council. He entered the line in 1891 as Grand Marshal and advanced regularly until in 1895 he was elected T. I. Grand Master. After retiring as Grand Master he was appointed Grand Lecturer and filled this important position for several years to the great advantage of the councils. His work as an instructor

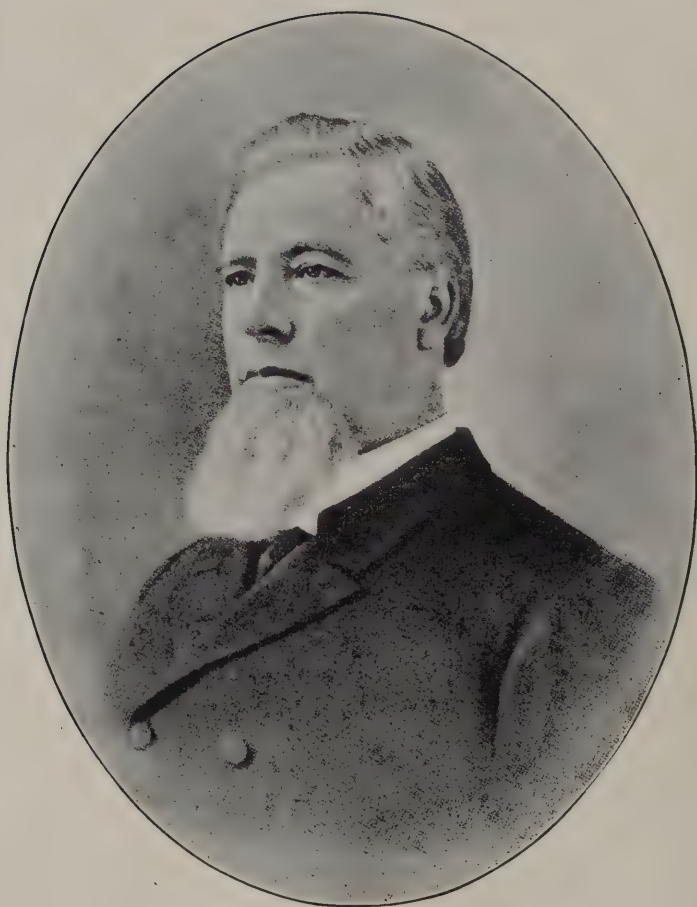
was conducted in a very energetic and efficient manner and it was in this capacity that his great Masonic record was made.

He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in St. Paul Commandery No. 34, Fairbury, November 30, 1893 and in 1901 served his commandery as its commander.

In November, 1895, he received the degrees conferred in Peoria Consistory, in which body he displayed the same energy and zeal that characterized his work in other branches of Masonry.

For a number of years prior to his death he was in failing health and for this reason was seldom seen at Masonic functions. He will be remembered for the fervency and zeal he so long manifested and for his many amiable traits of character.

After a lingering illness he passed away in Peoria, March 5, 1918 and was laid to rest in Chenoa, March 8th. The interment was private.



MONROE C. CRAWFORD

MONROE CARROLL CRAWFORD—1907.

THE pioneer settlers of Illinois were manly men. They grew up amid stern surroundings and early learned self reliance. Honesty and truthfulness were inculcated into their whole being and a man's word was his bond. Their children were accustomed to hardships and were taught, from the cradle, to depend upon themselves. It was only by the most stubborn will power and persistent efforts that any child was able to rise above the mediocre surroundings and make a name and place for himself. Such a child was Judge Crawford. He was born May 26, 1835 at Crawford's Prairie in Franklin County, Illinois. His parents were John and Elizabeth Randolph Crawford.

He gives the following account of his early life:

"My mother died before I was five years old and before I was seven I was indentured to a farmer to learn the art of farming. At the age of fifteen the gentleman to whom I was indentured changed his occupation to a general merchant and proposed to put me into a retail store as a clerk. I refused to serve as a clerk and the gentleman to whom I was indentured and I settled the question by my purchasing the remainder of my time. After buying my time, I taught school for one term and followed that by one term at McKendree College."

On his return home he read law with Judge William K. Parrish of Benton and after fifteen months was admitted to the bar, receiving a license to practice law in Illinois. He afterwards attended the law department of the University of Kentucky where he received the degree of Bachelor of Law in March, 1854.

In 1856 he was elected State's Attorney for the then Third Judicial Circuit of Illinois, composed of ten counties. His campaign was made on horseback, and he received what was then the overwhelming majority of 1729 votes. In 1860 he was re-elected but resigned before the term expired to enlist in the Union Army. He was Lieutenant Colonel of the One Hundred and Tenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and saw active service in many battles and skirmishes. His regiment reinforced General Buell at Louisville and participated in the battles of

Chaplain Hill and Stone River. At Stone River the regiment received this mention from the brigade commander:

"It displayed that fearless courage one admires in veterans."

"Such heroic service rendered their country this day, such heroic and daring valor justly entitles these men to the profound respect of the people and the country."

During this battle Companion Crawford was severely wounded and permanently disabled. On account of these injuries, he was compelled to resign from the army and was discharged May 16, 1863.

In 1867 he was elected judge of the Circuit Court and held this position for twelve years.

In 1885 he was appointed by Governor Oglesby one of the Commissioners to locate the Soldiers and Sailors Home of Illinois, which was located by the Commission at Quincy.

He was elected judge of the County Court of Union County in 1886 and retained this office until 1918 when failing health and advanced age caused him to decline re-election.

He served two terms as Mayor of Jonesboro and has the distinction of having paid a bonded indebtedness of the city amounting to about \$27,000 and of leaving the city with a full treasury.

He also served as President of the Board of Education and during his incumbency was instrumental in erecting a fine school building with all modern improvements and conveniences.

In 1856, at the age of twenty-one, he was raised in Benton Lodge No. 64 and dimitted in 1860 to affiliate with Jonesboro Lodge No. 111. His official career began with his election to the office of Junior Warden in 1860. He was Worshipful Master in 1862 but did not represent his lodge at the Grand Lodge. His first appearance in Grand Lodge was in 1871. In 1885 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and advanced by regular gradations to the office of Grand Master in 1891 and was re-elected in 1892. During his second year he had the unique distinction of presiding over the only Masonic Congress ever held in America. This event occurred during the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in August, 1893.

At the close of his term as Grand Master he was made chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Griev-

ances and continued as chairman for twenty-one years when he was made chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, which position he retained until his death.

He was exalted in DuQuoin Chapter No. 44 September 13, 1858 and dimitted in 1860 to join Egyptian Chapter No. 45. He was appointed Principal Sojourner and served six years. In 1880 he was elected High Priest. He entered the official line of the Grand Chapter in 1898 as Grand Master of the First Veil and advanced successively through all the offices to that of Grand High Priest, being elected in 1907. After serving one year he was appointed a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and continued as a member of that important committee until the day of his death.

November 1st, 1858 he was married to Miss Sarah I. Willbanks who preceded him to the better land September 15, 1905.

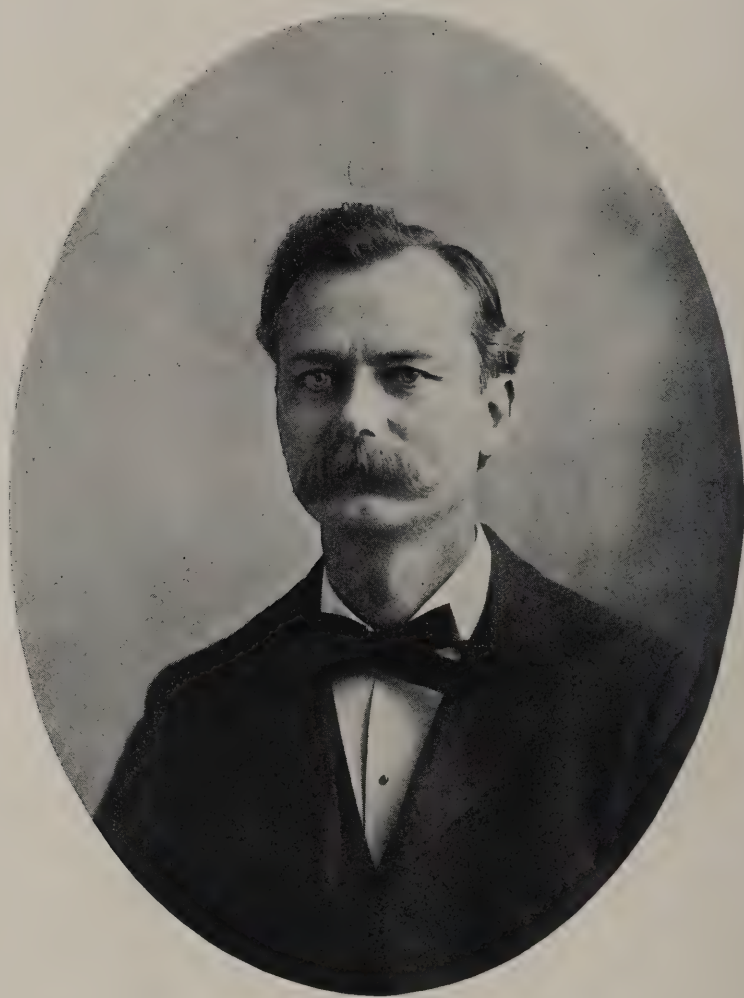
His death occurred March 9th, 1919 at his home in Jonesboro, and he was laid to rest two days later by the brethren of his lodge, the Grand Master of Masons acting as worshipful master.

Here ended in the eighty-fourth year the record of one of whom it has been said:

“As a jurist, as a citizen, as a Mason, as a Christian gentleman—no man exceeded him.”

Beloved by all who knew him, he has left behind a record unexcelled for honor and probity; full of years and experience, he wrapped the drapery of his couch about him and laid down to pleasant dreams.

“The stars in our banner grew suddenly dim,
Let us weep in our darkness, but weep not for him.
Not for him, who departing left many in tears;
Not for him who has died full of honor and years;
Not for him, who ascended Fame’s ladder so high—
From the round at the top he has stepped to the sky.”



FREDERICK E. HOBERG

FREDERICK EMIL HOBERG—1908.

THIS distinguished companion first saw the light of day in Peru, Illinois, December 29th, 1862. His life ended March 28th, 1923 in the same city where he spent his entire career.

After graduating from the city schools, he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar September 22nd, 1887. Soon after that date he opened an office in Peru and successfully engaged in the practice of that profession until his untimely demise.

May 1st, 1888 he was married to Miss Anna Knapp. To this union were born four children, one son and three daughters, all of whom with Mrs. Hoberg survive him.

He was a faithful adherent of the Lutheran Evangelical religious faith.

Companion Hoberg always took a keen interest in the social and political affairs of his community and held many positions of honor and trust and was never known to violate a confidence or neglect an obligation. He always proved to be an upright, useful and efficient public official and citizen. For twenty years he was a member of the board of directors of, and attorney for, the Peru State Bank. He was also City Attorney for a number of years, a member of the Board of Education and supervisor of his township. The local paper of his city paid him this splendid tribute:

“As an attorney he built up a very extensive practice and enjoyed to a very marked and unusual degree the absolute trust and confidence of a large following of clients. In fact, the trust and confidence reposed in him by those who knew him either in a professional way or in a personal sense will be a more beautiful and lasting monument to his memory than any shaft of granite which may be erected over his last resting place.”

He was made a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 13 on March 26, 1884. In 1890 he was elected Worshipful Master and served four years. For five years he performed the duties of District Deputy Grand Master in a very acceptable manner.

He was exalted in Peru Chapter No. 60 April 22,

1884 and was elected High Priest in 1888 and filled that important station for three years. At the annual convocation in 1900 he was elected Grand Master of the Second Veil and advanced regularly until he reached the Grand East where he presided in a very creditable manner for one year.

Upon his retirement he became a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and held that position during the remainder of his life.

He was elected, admitted and anointed to the Order of High Priesthood October 29, 1891 and until his death was an officer in that body.

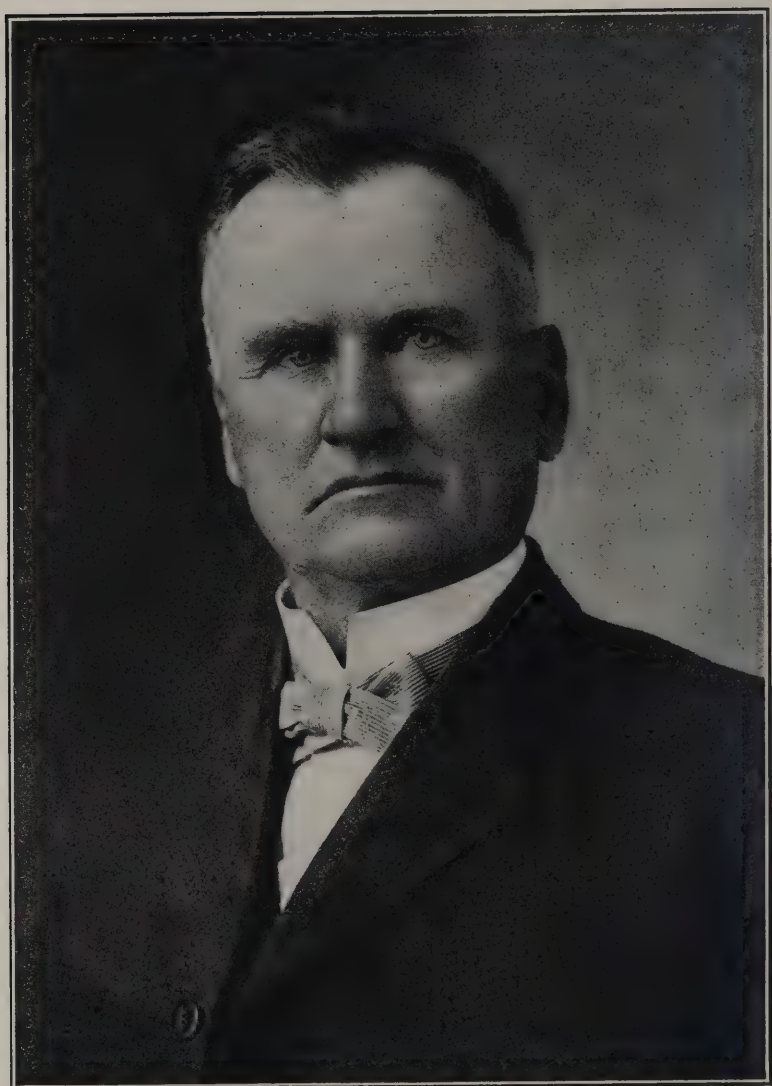
The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on him by Oriental Council No. 63 of Ottawa in 1887 but he later affiliated with Peru Council No. 12. He served the latter council as T. I. Master. In 1894 he became Grand Marshal of the Grand Council and in 1899 was elected and installed M. Ill. Grand Master. Upon retiring from that office he was appointed a member of the Jurisprudence Committee. At the time of his death he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council.

The orders of Knighthood were conferred on him in St. John's Commandery No. 26 at Peru, of which body he is a Past Commander.

In all the above named local bodies he has held the office of secretary.

He also held membership in Peoria Consistory and Mohammed Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. at Peoria.

Companion Hoberg was laid to rest by the loving hands of his many friends and neighbors. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by St. John's Lodge in the presence of a vast gathering of brethren and friends. The Grand Chapter was represented by the Grand High Priest and several other prominent Royal Arch Masons from all sections of the state. By his death the Grand Chapter has lost a faithful member and wise councillor and Peru has lost a good and useful citizen.



H. A. Montgomery.

HENRY HUNTER MONTGOMERY—1909.

COMPANION Montgomery was born near Scottville, Illinois, on the 18th day of December, 1848, and in that vicinity spent the early years of his life a farmer boy. His father, Joseph Montgomery, was born near Wheeling, W. Va., and his mother, Elizabeth Sharp Montgomery, was born near Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. He is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Companion Montgomery has had the advantage of a liberal education. In his youth he attended the high school at home, whence he went to Lombard University at Galesburg, where he spent a most profitable year. Afterwards he attended Blackburn University at Carlinville, where he was graduated in a four years' classical course in 1873, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three years later the degree of Master of Arts.

In early manhood he engaged in educational work, serving one year as principal of the high school at Brighton, Illinois, followed by six years as superintendent of the Greenfield High School, Greenfield, Illinois, and afterwards County Superintendent of Schools of Greene County, Illinois.

He was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in 1887 and for many years was active in his chosen profession, until failing health compelled him to retire.

He served as City Attorney of Carrollton, Illinois, and for twelve years was Secretary of the Litchfield, Carrollton and Western Railroad which built and operated fifty-one miles of railroad that is now a part of the Chicago and Alton Railroad System.

In the matter of religion he is a Baptist. In politics he was long a faithful unit of the Democratic Party but in his later years did a large amount of individual and independent thinking and voting.

He was married in November, 1880, to Miss Minnie B. Sheffield of Greenfield, Illinois, and to that union two children were born—Kenyon, who is secretary and a director of the Litchfield Wholesale Grocer Company of Litchfield, Illinois, and Harriett Montgomery of Carrollton, Illinois.

Companion Montgomery has devoted much time and study to Freemasonry and has received many honors from his companions and fraters. He was made a Master Mason in Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 76, Carlinville, December 27th, 1876; exalted in Carrollton Chapter No. 77 November 14th, 1881; dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 29, Carrollton, Illinois, February 12th, 1882 and greeted as a Select Master in Carrollton Council R. & S. M., December 18th, 1885. He served two years as Worshipful Master, seven as High Priest, T. I. Master one year and Eminent Commander three years.

At Chicago, 1887, he was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery and regularly advanced until in 1894 he was elected Grand Commander and installed into office by M. E. Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, of the Grand Encampment. During the following year he organized the Templars of Illinois into four battallions, constituting the entire Tenth Division, of which he was Commander-in-Chief in the parade at the Triennial Conclave at Boston, Massachusetts.

In October, 1900 he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Chapter and in 1909 was elected Grand High Priest and installed into office by Joseph E. Dyas, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Two weeks later he headed the Illinois delegation to the Thirty-third Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah, Georgia.

His genial character and friendly disposition made for him a large and ever increasing circle of friends and his ability and attainments commanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him. Notwithstanding the many and high honors that have been given him, his greatest desire was to remain supreme in the hearts and affections of his friends and this in full measure he has done.



JOHN C. HALLENBECK

JOHN CLOUGH HALLENBECK—1910.

ON THURSDAY, February 28, 1923, after a lingering illness extending over a period of about two years, Companion Hallenbeck departed for that undiscovered country whence no traveller returns.

He was born in the city of New York, October 17, 1849. At the age of nine years his parents brought him to Chicago where he made his home during the remainder of his life. His education was received in the public schools of Chicago. Immediately after leaving school he became connected with a mercantile establishment devoted to the book and stationery trade. He continued in the employ of this firm for fifteen years when, feeling that his powers required a wider field of activity, he engaged in business for himself, choosing a line of stationery specialties which he was well equipped to handle. From that time until his demise he was one of the most progressive and energetic merchants in Chicago.

December 10, 1873 he was married to Miss Caroline W. Merrill of Sandusky, Ohio. To this union five children were born, three of whom and Mrs. Hallenbeck still survive him.

The confidence and esteem in which he was held by hosts of friends is strikingly illustrated by his Masonic career. He was raised in Auburn Park Lodge No. 789, June 16, 1892, dimitted to Normal Park Lodge No. 797, September 28, 1893 and was elected Worshipful Master in 1901.

He was exalted in Auburn Park Chapter No. 201, September 24, 1892 and became a charter member of Normal Park Chapter No. 210 in 1893. He was High Priest in 1897 and in 1901 was elected Grand Master of the First Veil and filled all the intermediate offices, being installed Grand High Priest in 1910.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Temple Council No. 65, June, 1895. It was largely through his efforts that Imperial Council No. 85 was founded. He was its first T. Ill. Master while under dispensation and was re-elected in 1896. He entered the line of the Grand Council in 1898 and was elected and installed Grand Master October 29, 1902.

He was knighted in Englewood Commandery No. 59, Knights Templar. He held membership in St. John's Conclave No. 1, Red Cross of Constantine, but dimitted therefrom in 1907.

The degrees of the Scottish Rite were conferred on him in the summer class of Oriental Consistory in 1903. In 1909-10 he was Junior Warden of Chicago Council, Princes of Jerusalem and Master of Ceremonies in Oriental Consistory.

He held all the line offices in Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. and was Potentate in 1910 at the time of the pilgrimage to New Orleans to attend the meeting of the Imperial Council.

He was an honorary member of Moila Temple at St. Joseph; he also held honorary membership in five Royal Arch chapters.

December 10, 1923 Companion Hallenbeck and his estimable wife celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding.

John Hallenbeck was a big, strong, active character and a forceful leader of men. His dealings were all open and above board; no man was ever in doubt about his opinion. Yet, withal, he was kind, sympathetic, and lovable and a faithful friend and companion.

The funeral services were held in the Peoples Liberal Church under the auspices of Englewood Commandery. The interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, March 1, 1924.



CHARLES C. DAVIS

CHARLES CLARK DAVIS—1911.

THERE is at Sullivan an institution that is dear to the hearts of the Masonic fraternity of Illinois, the Masonic Home. The management of this institution is in the hands of a board of trustees, the members of which, take great pride in looking after its welfare. These keen thinking, far sighted business men give freely of their time to make easy the daily life of those who are rapidly descending the sunset slope of life. Of these none has been more faithful or given more freely of his time than the companion whose life history is here given.

Charles Clark Davis was born in Belleville, Illinois, April 2, 1855, being the oldest son of Thomas P. and Wilhelmina Davis. The same year the family moved to Centralia, then just coming into existence by reason of the location of the Illinois Central Railroad shops.

Centralia has ever since been his residence, except for winters spent in St. Petersburg, Florida and summers at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

As a boy he attended the public schools until 1873, when he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad as a freight brakeman. Two years later he was promoted to the position of freight conductor and five years afterward became a passenger conductor, a position he retained until 1893.

Having acquired an interest in a coal mine, he retired from the service of the railroad to devote his entire time to the coal business.

In the spring of 1906 he disposed of his interest in the coal mine and entered into a mercantile enterprise to which he devoted his attention until 1916 when the business becoming undesirable, it was disposed of and Companion Davis became president of the Centralia Envelope Company, a position he retained for several years. After making this company an important factor in the business life of the city, Companion Davis retired from active participation in its operation. For many years he took a prominent part in every enterprise having for its object the betterment of the city and community but of late years he has become inactive on account of being away so much of the time.

At the age of twenty-six he was raised in Centralia Lodge No. 201 and passed rapidly through chapter, council and commandery, completing his membership in the Centralia bodies the same year. He received the degrees of the A. A. S. R. in Oriental Consistory in 1891 and was crowned an inspector general thirty-third degree September 15, 1903.

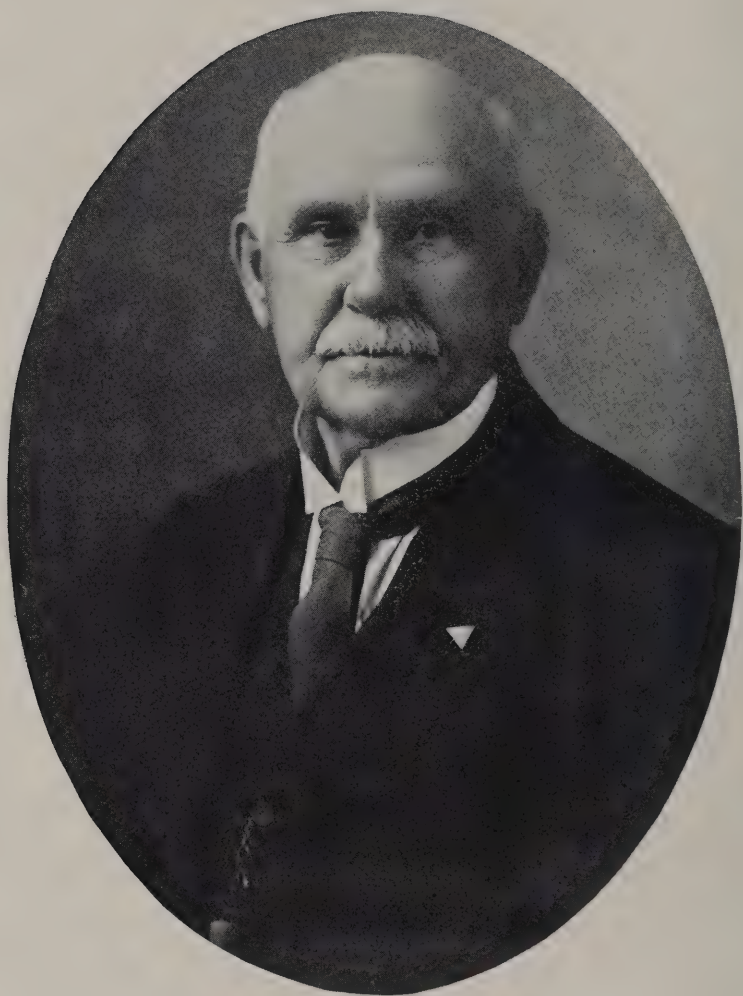
He has presided over all the bodies in Centralia and in 1902 was elected Grand Master of the First Veil. He advanced regularly and in 1911 was elected and installed Grand High Priest.

In addition to his Masonic memberships he is a member of Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. and of Centralia Chapter No. 353 O. E. S.

He also holds membership in the Red Cross of Constantine.

At the Thirty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis in 1912 his ability was recognized by election to the office of General Grand Master of the First Veil. At each triennial thereafter he has advanced in the line and is now General Grand King.

As a man and citizen he ranks high in the estimation of his numerous friends. His genial disposition has endeared him to all who know him, and it is the wish of his friends that they may all be present to see him wield the gavel over the Forty-second Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.



W. B. Carlock

WILLIAM B. CARLOCK—1912.

WILLIAM B. Carlock was born March 15, 1842 in Woodford County, Illinois. His father, Abraham W. Carlock, was a Virginian of Scotch descent and his mother was a Tennessean of Scotch-Irish extraction.

The subject of this sketch received his early education in the public schools and taught district schools with marked success.

He attended Lombard University at Galesburg and graduated with the highest honors of his class in 1867. In 1869 he graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan. He was admitted to the bar in 1870 and received a license from the Supreme Court to practice his profession in the courts of Illinois. He located in Bloomington where he practiced law until about one year ago; when he retired from active work and is now living quietly at his home. In his college life he was a close and faithful student and a forceful and argumentative debater in the lyceum. He has been connected with many important cases and to the satisfaction of his clients.

He was raised in Mozart Lodge No. 656, September 18, 1888 and immediately took an active part in its deliberations. He served this lodge as its Worshipful Master for two terms and showed great zeal and ability in the direction of its affairs. He conferred the degrees in conformity to the German standard work, which was permissible at that time. He served two years as Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge and, for a number of years, taught with success the standard work.

In 1890 he was exalted in Bloomington Chapter No. 26 and served as High Priest in 1895 and 1896. October 24, 1895 he was anointed into the Order of High Priesthood. He was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in 1903 and filled all the stations, being elected Grand High Priest in 1912. He has served on various committees ever since he retired from office and his influence has always been on the side of conservative legislation.

On April 20, 1891 he was greeted a Select Master in Chenoa Council No. 75 R. & S. M. and subsequently became a member of Bloomington Council No. 43, of which

body he has been a most efficient and active member. He presided as T. I. Master for four years. He was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Council October 27, 1897 and became Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1901.

He is a Past Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 24 K. T. and holds membership in Peoria Consistory S. P. R. S.

May 29, 1895 he became a member of Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria.

In February, 1891, he joined Bloomington Chapter No. 50, O. E. S., and was soon after elected Worthy Patron and filled this office two years. October 7, 1897 he was elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., and was re-elected the next year.

He was married in 1870 to Miss Missouri McCart, and to them two sons were born, both of whom grew to manhood and became prominent in the community.

Companion Carlock is a member of the Unitarian Church and has maintained an official connection with the Bloomington branch for many years.

Companion Carlock holds Masonic principles near and dear to his heart and in contact with his fellow men has always endeavored to adhere strictly to the Mason's profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He takes great pleasure in the society of Masons; is wide awake and successful in his undertakings; honorable in his dealings with all men; is held in high esteem by the craft. His extensive acquaintance has made him the recipient of many invitations to address his brethren.

He wrote a history of Cryptic Masonry, with reference to its Legends and Symbolisms as adopted and practiced throughout the United States; a copy of this book was deposited in the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple in Bloomington April 25, 1911.

Failing health has prevented his attendance at the Grand Bodies for the last few years but his name has not faded from the memory of his companions.



Louis L. Emmisson

LOUIS LINCOLN EMMERSON—1913.

POPULARITY seeks the man who seeks not for it. The man who delights to praise others, but shrinks from having others praise him is rare. The one who exalts the achievements of his friends, but who minimizes his own is exceptional. In the life of such an one, unselfishness and philanthropy predominate, and friends by the multitude center and lavish their esteem and affection upon him. The subject of this sketch is such a man. He seeks not popularity but it seeks him. While encouraging others by kind words of praise and encouragement, he craves them not for himself; but as he goes about day after day with characteristic smile and unaffected good will toward all, his friends from all over our great state lavish upon him praise and affection.

Nature and environment have joined in being kind to Louis L. Emmerson. His ancestry is of the most illustrious. His father, Jesse Emmerson, was one of the early and most prominent citizens of Edwards County, Illinois, serving as sheriff and county clerk and in other official capacities. His mother before her marriage was Miss Fanny Suardet, a native of Geneva, Switzerland.

Endowed with an interesting personality, a rare diplomacy and a powerful enthusiasm in all his undertakings, it is no wonder that he has achieved such noted successes in the realms of business and politics. The small space allowed for his sketch will permit only the meager mention of the high points in his life's history.

Born in Albion, Illinois, December 27, 1863, he passed his boyhood and young manhood at the place of his birth, receiving his education in the public schools. In 1886 he came to Mt. Vernon and began a business career which has stamped him as one who is always in the lead in every enterprise for the welfare and betterment of the city. From 1886 to 1901 he engaged in the mercantile business in which he made a signal success. In 1901 he was one of the leading spirits in the organization of the Third National Bank of Mt. Vernon and was cashier of this institution until his election as president of the same, which position he now holds. He is also

identified with many other important enterprises as stockholder and director, both in Mt. Vernon and elsewhere.

In politics he is a born leader. He has been chairman of the County Central Committee a number of years, State Committeeman for the Twenty-third Congressional District, and manager of many successful campaigns. He is a shrewd and untiring worker for his party and though a staunch partisan, he is fair and diplomatic and has the universal friendship and esteem of his political opponents. He has served as a member of the State Board of Equalization and was a Commissioner of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary from 1909 to 1913, in which he introduced many new and improved ideas in the management of this institution. In 1916 he was elected Secretary of State by the people of Illinois, and was re-elected by unprecedented majorities in 1920 and 1924. His great record of efficiency and usefulness in this position is too well known for comment to be made in this sketch.

His Masonic career has been most distinguished. He became a Master Mason in Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 31 in 1891, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1913. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in H. W. Hubbard Chapter (now Andrew D. Webb Chapter) No. 160 and served seven years as High Priest; was created a Knight Templar in Cyrene Commandery No. 23, Centralia, and was afterward a prominent figure in the organization of Patton Commandery No. 69, Mt. Vernon, of which he was the first commander and served as such for three successive years. He is a member of Mt. Vernon Council R. & S. M. He has taken the Scottish Rite degrees and was crowned a thirty-third degree Mason at Saratoga, N. Y., in 1911.

In 1913-14 he served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter with great credit and honor to himself and to the craft. In 1919 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. He has been prominent, active and useful in the three great organizations of Masonry in Illinois—the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, serving continuously upon several of the most important committees therein for the past several years. He is the present Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge and is thus destined to be the Most Worshipful Grand Master in a few years. When he shall have achieved this honor,

he will then have the distinction of having been the chief officer in each one of the three grand organizations of Masonry. With Louis L. Emmerson as leader in any department of Masonry, there is sure to be enthusiasm and a forward march; and it is a delight and an inspiration to be under his leadership. He is a born leader of men, and he leads them not by might and force, not by stern words of command, not by arbitrary and autocratic methods, but rather by kindness and encouragement and by the magic communication among his followers of the zeal and love for the cause that burns so ardently within his own soul. This also may well be said of him in the management of his business affairs and in his wonderful powers as a civic leader. Mt. Vernon and all Egypt ever point with pride to the illustrious record of L. L. Emmerson and delight to say: "He is our own Lou."

He has a beautiful home in Mt. Vernon—beautiful in architecture and beautiful in the tender love and gracious hospitality within. Amid the duties of his office and of his business, he is necessarily called away from friends, neighbors and family and he really enjoys these experiences; but when these are done, the very climax of his pleasure and delight is to return to those nearest and dearest to him. Truly he joins in the immortal sentiment, "There's no place like home." This home is a great favorite with his friends who will ever cherish in pleasant remembrance the generous and wholehearted hospitality so lavishly bestowed there.

Companion Emmerson was married September 22, 1887 to Miss Anna Mathews of Grayville, Illinois, who has done her full part in the attainment of his successful career. This happy union has been blessed with two beautiful and attractive daughters: Aline, now Mrs. H. B. P. Ward; and Dorothy, now Mrs. Harold Watson. In church and society affairs, this family has been highly influential in the welfare and betterment of the community.

As the days go by, Companion Emmerson fights life's battles bravely and well, sowing the seeds of kindness and generosity, helping and encouraging his fellow men, and faithfully serving his country and his God.

—Written by C. W. Harriss.



Everett R. Turnbull.

EVERETT ROBERT TURNBULL—1914.

COMPANION Everett Robert Turnbull was born August 13, 1869, at Carlinville, Illinois. He is the only son of his family. He is one of those individuals who has accomplished what he has done as a result of an unusual mental and moral endowment.

It ought to be said by way of introduction to this character that he comes of a Masonic family. His father, Robert Turnbull, came to Carlinville, Illinois, from St. Lawrence County, New York, about 1867. Robert Turnbull married in Carlinville and as a result of that marriage there were born and now live one son and four daughters. Robert Turnbull himself was an earnest, consistent and upright Mason. He was a member of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 76, of Carlinville, Illinois, for many years before his death.

Everett R. Turnbull received the degrees of Masonry in Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 76, and was raised a Master Mason therein on the 30th of April, 1891. He became a Royal Arch Mason August 1st, 1891; a Knight Templar September 16, 1892; Royal and Selected Master April 1st, 1907; he was Master of his lodge in 1899; was High Priest of his chapter at Carlinville in the years 1900, 1904, 1905 and 1906. He received his Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite, April 20, 1893, and the thirty-third and last degree on September 16, 1919, at Philadelphia. He became a member of Medinah Temple of Chicago, April 21, 1893, and is one of the charter members of Ansar Shrine of Springfield, Illinois. He is First Lieutenant Commander of Springfield Consistory. He was Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Chapter of Illinois in 1906, and became Grand High Priest in 1914, and since 1918 he has served as the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

He was instrumental in organizing Carlinville Chapter No. 802, O. E. S., and was its first Patron.

This is an unusual Masonic record and would have been possible only to one who had an instinctive and inherited love for Masonry and who was capable of taking real pride in his membership in Masonic bodies and in the performance of Masonic duties.

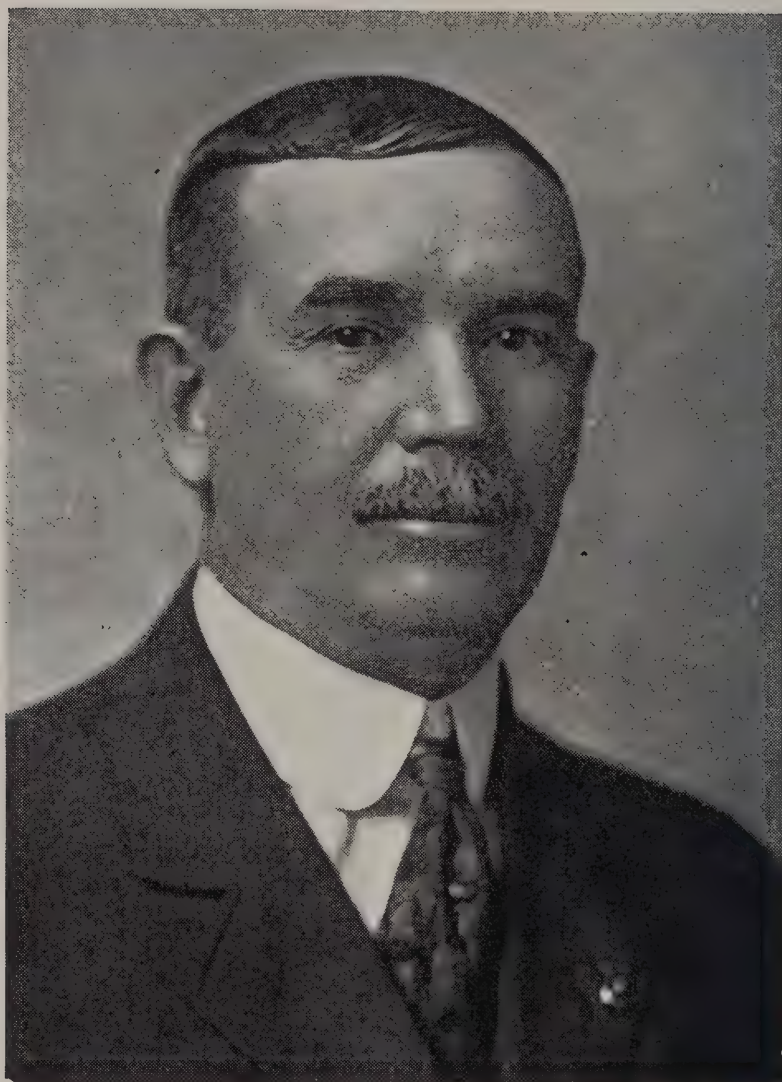
Everett R. Turnbull has two sons, both of whom are Master Masons, and splendid specimens of American young manhood. Both of them also belong to the Chapter and one of them to the Shrine. He also has four sisters, all of whom are members of the Eastern Star, and he has one daughter and she and his wife are also members of the Star, all at Carlinville, Illinois.

Companion Turnbull had a good common school education. He attended Blackburn University for several years and was a faithful student and has borne with him through life as a result of patient study, a breadth of learning that is not usual among men. In every relation in life he has discharged the duties which came to him, conscientiously and efficiently. He has been a zealous, active and consistent member of all of the Masonic bodies above mentioned, and his services in all of them have been recognized by each in turn by bestowing upon him dignities and offices, and calling upon him for services which sufficiently betoken the esteem in which he was held by his brethren. It should be said also that Companion Turnbull for several years was the District Deputy Grand Master of the district of which his county was a part.

Companion Turnbull is physically a very large man. He is about six feet three inches in height, well proportioned, of a pleasing, genial demeanor. He has great energy and resourcefulness and is always zealous and efficient in his service of whatever cause enlists his attention.

No companion in the state of Illinois is nearer the hearts of his Masonic associates than Everett R. Turnbull and this is sufficiently manifested in the way in which they all regard him.

—Written by Alexander H. Bell.



HARRY W. HARVEY

HARRY WARNER HARVEY—1915.

NO MAN can forecast his future but opportunity is always before him. However, opportunity is rarely recognized by those who are not prepared to give it a suitable welcome but it abides with those who, by their own efforts, are ready to take advantage of its offers.

The opportunities offered by Masonry are many but to be efficacious and lasting much hard study is required. The life of him whose name is at the head of this sketch is the story of one who has always been prepared for the place just ahead. He was raised in Dearborn Lodge No. 310 in 1894 and immediately took an active part in its official life. During the year 1900 he served as Master and his proficiency was such that he successfully passed the examination for a commission as Grand Lecturer, an honor which he still retains. To him the passing of the chair did not mean that his work was finished, but rather it gave him a new starting point for further service. His prominence was such that in 1907 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master. He filled this office for eight years and then, for several years was a member of various Grand Lodge committees. In 1921-22-23 he was Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge, a position he has filled with dignity and skill.

In the spring of 1900 he received the Capitular degrees in LaFayette Chapter No. 2 and became so active that five years later he filled the office of High Priest. Upon retiring as presiding officer he continued his ritualistic work and in 1906 the Grand High Priest appointed him a member of the Board of Grand Lecturers. He filled this position one year and then entered upon a larger field of work by accepting the office of Grand Master of the First Veil. From that date his progress was steadily upward until October, 1915 when he reached the highest office within the gift of his companions, that of Grand High Priest. Upon retiring from this office he was appointed a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, a position he still holds.

He was a delegate to the Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at San Francisco in 1915 and was appointed a member of the committee to

revise the ritual of that body. After the committee's report had been adopted at Baltimore in 1918 he received the appointment of General Grand Custodian of the Ritual and has held that position ever since. He has rendered valuable assistance to several grand chapters which have adopted that ritual in clearing up doubtful points and in interpreting the esoteric work. In March, 1922 he accompanied the General Grand High Priest to Mexico and assisted him in establishing chapters in the city of Mexico and Tampico.

He is a Past T. I. Master of Palestine Council No. 66, having been greeted as a select master in that body in March, 1905.

He was knighted in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, of which body he subsequently became commander.

The degrees of the Scottish Rite were conferred on him by Oriental Consistory in 1895 and for his valuable services to Masonry he was crowned an inspector general thirty-third degree in 1912.

He is also a member of Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. and of the Order of the Eastern Star.

His prominence has brought recognition in the shape of honorary memberships in many Masonic bodies.

This distinguished companion first saw the light of day April 3, 1863 at Rainsboro, Ohio, but spent his early years in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he received his education.

He became a resident of Chicago in 1882 and entered upon a commercial career. At present he holds a responsible position with the Quaker Oats Company.

His only activity along political lines was in 1908 and 1924 when he was elected a Republican presidential elector. Otherwise he has contented himself by exercising his right of suffrage in the support of the best qualified candidate irrespective of party affiliations.

During his entire Masonic journey from the time he stood in the northeast corner of the lodge until the present he has had the enthusiastic support and co-operation of his life partner and no trip is complete unless Mrs. Harvey is there to enjoy the social functions and partake of the honors and dignities that have been showered upon him.



James E. Jeffers

JAMES E. JEFFERS—1916.

NO MAN can exert a great personal influence who separates himself from his fellowmen. Honor and esteem are given to those who serve mankind.

One poet has said that

“There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self content.”

but another poet touched the real problem of life when he sang:

“The man in the road by the side of his friend
Is the man who has learned how to live.”

This is the real leader, the man of affairs who is in constant touch with the great living world. Such a man is a thinker and a man of action. He studies the questions of the day carefully and when his opinion is formed maintains it even though he be alone in his attitude. Of the latter class is the companion whose life history is now presented in this brief review. It represents a life of activity and service in business and fraternal relations.

Companion Jeffers was born in a two room log house on a farm in Adams County, September 20, 1865. In 1870 his parents removed to another farm in Douglas County. In this county Companion Jeffers grew to manhood and acquired such education as the district school afforded and, in addition, took a complete course in the hard school of practical experience. Being naturally inclined to music he perfected himself in that art and soon became well known as an instructor. When but nineteen years of age he conducted schools of music and supervised musical conventions in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana.

Believing that his powers required a wider range he associated himself with a manufacturing plant and soon was a successful salesman. After following this line of work for several years he severed his connection with the firm to start in business for himself. He organized a Masonic supply company and began the publication of The Illinois Masonic Review, a paper devoted to the interests of the craft in Illinois. This paper was successful from the start and became an important factor in Illinois

Masonry. After continuing its publication for ten years he voluntarily suspended publication on account of increasing activity in other lines.

From the date of his initiation into Masonry to the present he has never ceased active work. He received all the Symbolic and Capitular degrees in Arcola Lodge No. 366 and Arcola Chapter No. 163, both in his home city, and was knighted in Melita Commandery No. 37 at Tuscola, all in the year 1902. Two years later he received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, of which body he is a life member. He joined Mohammed Temple, Mystic Shrine, in Peoria but transferred his membership to Ansar Temple at Springfield at the time that Shrine was organized.

He served his lodge as Master in 1906-07 and his chapter as High Priest in 1905.

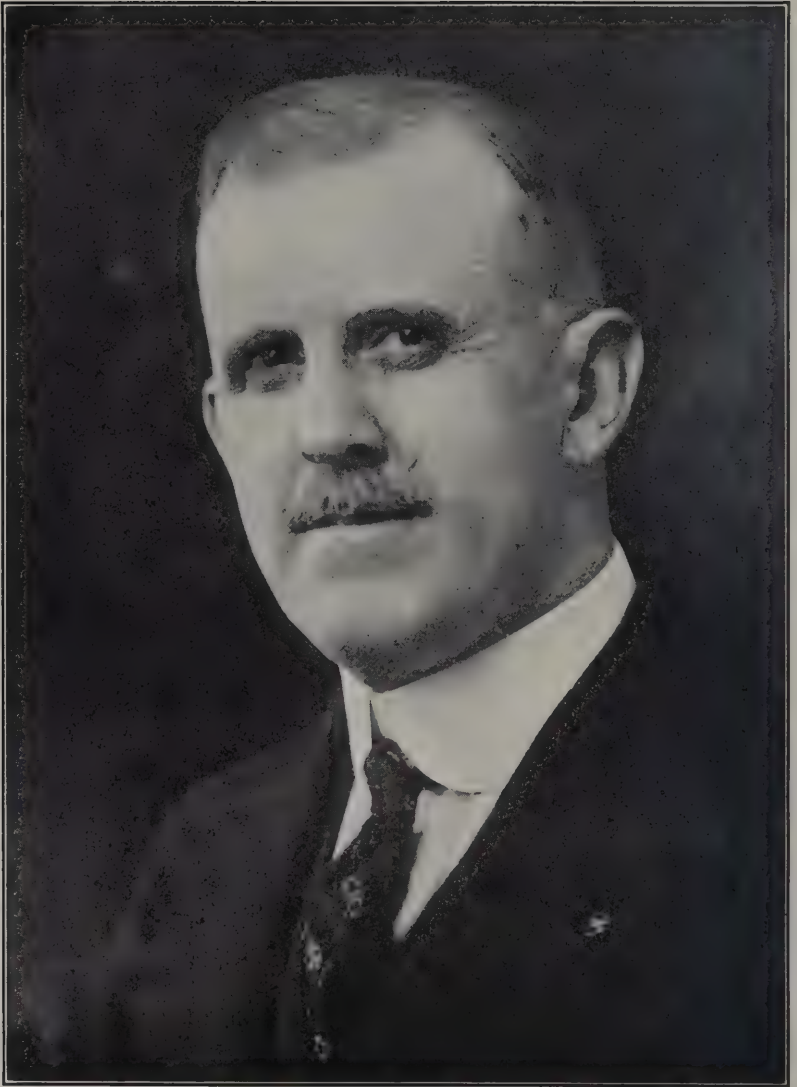
He has been officially connected with the Grand Lodge since 1907, at which time he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master, and continued as such for four years. He was commissioned a Grand Lecturer in 1907. In 1911 he was appointed a member of the Board of Grand Examiners and served one year, after which he was a member of various committees until 1923 when he was again appointed on the board, this time as chairman.

In the Grand Chapter he received an appointment as a member of the Board of Grand Lecturers in 1905 and in 1906 was appointed chairman. October, 1908 he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil and filled all the elective offices except that of Grand Captain of the Host. He was installed Grand High Priest in 1916 and served one year. Upon his retirement as presiding officer he became a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and retained that position until he was elected Grand Secretary in 1918, a position he still occupies.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Urbana Council but transferred his membership to Springfield No. 2, of which body he is at present the Deputy Master.

His family consists of a wife, daughter and son. The daughter is an accomplished musician and the son served with distinction during the late war as an officer on staff work and in the training of recruits.

Companion Jeffers is still enjoying the full use of his powers and faculties and his advice is sought and heeded on all Masonic questions.



Arthur E. Wood.

ARTHUR EDWIN WOOD—1917.

ACCOMPLISHMENT spurs to accomplishment. We both build from within and we attract from without. In every field of human endeavor he that is foremost must advance by his own efforts. The greatest results in life are usually attained by application and perseverance.

To achieve an enviable reputation as a Masonic ritualist it is necessary to devote much time and study to the mastery of its intricacies. To attain distinction among the craft, affability and courteous treatment of one's brethren makes the Mason whom the craft delight to honor.

Greatness does not come in a day; it is composed of a multitude of small things. The story of the Masonic career of this companion is the recital of a gradual advance from the position of "youngest entered apprentice" to that of Grand Master; from that of the "young craftsman whose work was rejected" to the dignity of Grand High Priest.

Arthur Wood was made a Mason in Norton Lodge No. 631 at Cabery in 1891 but transferred his membership soon after to Gibson Lodge No. 733. Becoming interested in the mysteries of Masonry, he filled various minor stations until his worth was recognized by his election to the office of Master for the year 1908. Continuing his studies he was able to pass the examination for Grand Lecturer the next year and in 1912 became a member of the Board of Grand Examiners. He served three years on the Board, the last as chairman. October 11th, 1917 he was installed Junior Grand Warden, passed regularly through the intermediate chairs and was installed Grand Master of Masons October 11th, 1923. After serving one year he declined re-election on account of the pressure of business interests. He retired from his high office with the satisfaction of knowing that the craft had been served wisely and well.

During the year 1894 he was exalted in Gibson Chapter No. 183. He filled the office of High Priest during 1904-5-6. He became a regular attendant at Capitular

meetings and was well known as a competent ritualist. At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1909 he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil and advanced until he was installed as Grand High Priest in October, 1917.

He is also a member of Gibson Council No. 72, of Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 38 and of Ansar Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.

He received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory but changed his membership in the Lodge of Perfection to Bloomington at the time that body was organized. He has filled several prominent parts in the degree work of the Scottish Rite with marked success but of late years has confined his activity to the Symbolic degrees.

September 19th, 1911 he was crowned an inspector general thirty-third degree in recognition of his services to Masonry.

Companion Wood was born on a farm near Green Valley, Illinois, January 28, 1864. In 1868 his parents moved to another farm near Clifton where he remained until 1893 when he changed his residence to Gibson City for the purpose of engaging in the grain business. Later he became a solicitor for a commission firm in Chicago and is now a director and stockholder in the same firm.

In 1919 he moved his family to Chicago, which city has ever since been his home.

His education was that afforded by the district schools near his home supplemented by two years in the Onarga Seminary and the experience gained by contact with his fellowmen in the larger school of life.

His family consists of a wife and one son.

Having retired from the arduous duties of official preferment he now brings to his brethren and companions the advice gained from a long experience in nearly every official capacity in lodge and chapter.



W. C. Sommer

WILLIAM CHARLES SOMMER—1918.

ALL too brief is this record of one who has done so much to exemplify in his own life the teachings of Masonry; who has done so much to make its ceremonies and precepts more beautiful and interesting; who has wielded such a great influence among the craft at large.

Throughout his life he exhibited those qualities of integrity, honor, simplicity and deep feeling that so endeared him to his friends.

His home life was filled with joy, affection and loyalty to his family.

“None knew him but to love him,
None named him but in praise.”

His familiar figure is hidden from mortal eyes, his eloquent voice is silent but his unselfish devotion to his beloved order still remains as an example to his fellow workers. God calls the workman but the work goes on. Faithful and hard working in every position he was called upon to fill, his life history is one long series of kindly acts and cheerful service in the cause of humanity. Genial, light hearted and sympathetic, his friends were a mighty host and the best revelation of his character is that his friends, one and all, were proud to call him “Uncle Bill.”

Companion Sommer was born in Buffalo, New York, January 27, 1849. He spent his early life in Buffalo and Rochester, New York, and Saint Paul, Minnesota. In 1859 his parents removed to Springfield where he grew up to manhood. In business he started as a watch maker and jeweler; later, he graduated in optometry and henceforth made this his life work, in which he was eminently successful.

May 9, 1871 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Pierik. To this union there were born three children, two of whom and the widow are still living. In 1894 the family moved to Chicago where Companion Sommer was engaged in business for ten years. At the end of that time they returned to Springfield and made that city their permanent residence.

His Masonic record was unusually brilliant. He was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in Tyrian Lodge No. 333, April 25, 1871 and at the time of his death was serving as Senior Warden. He was exalted in Springfield Chapter No. 1, December 10, 1880 and served his chapter as High Priest for three years. In October, 1910 he entered the official line of the Grand Chapter as Grand Master of the First Veil. He was elected and installed Grand High Priest in October, 1918. His administration was one of harmony and quietness. At the close of his term of office he was appointed a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and retained that position during his life.

He was greeted as a Select Master in Springfield Council No. 2, R. & S. M., January 13, 1891 and filled the office of Thrice Illustrious Master in 1911-12.

November 21, 1889 he was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Elwood Commandery No. 6 and was Eminent Commander in 1893. In 1913 he was appointed Prelate and re-appointed every year until his death.

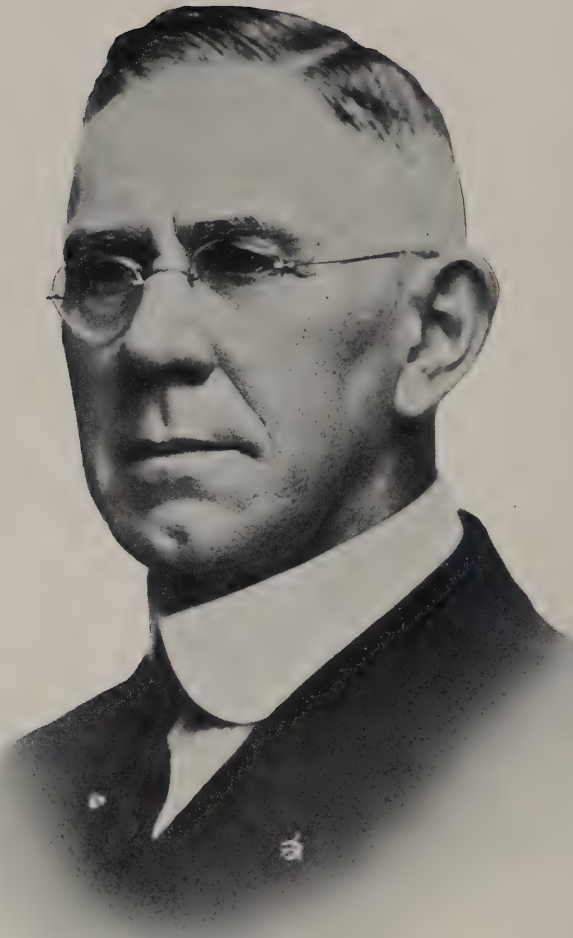
He received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, November 18-19-20, 1890. He took a prominent part in the organization of the Scottish Rite bodies in Springfield and was a charter member. He was Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, 1909-10; Most Wise Master of Rose Croix, 1912-14; Commander-in-chief, 1916-19. September 21, 1909 he was crowned an Inspector General Thirty-third Degree in Boston, Mass.

He also held membership in Ansar Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. at Springfield.

While he was possessed of very deep and strong convictions and was, at times, very emphatic in expressing them, he was ever a lover of peace rather than strife and controversy, and was always courteous to his fellowmen and loyal to his friends. His life was an object lesson from which we may derive profit and the world is better because of his having lived.

Such is the record of a man who never found the day too busy nor the night too dark and stormy to respond to the call of Masonry or of a distressed brother.

The end came peacefully. On April 18, 1922 he retired as usual and at an early hour on the 19th "God's finger touched him" and he awoke in the better world.



Frank Spencer

FRANK SPENCER—1919.

FRANK Spencer was born at Ullin, Pulaski County, Illinois, June 9, 1856. Soon after his parents moved to a farm near Mound City, Illinois, where he grew to manhood.

Most of his early schooling was in Bloomington, where he stayed with his grandmother during the winters and attended the public school. Later he attended the State Normal School at Normal, graduating in 1875. In 1877-78 he taught a country school near his home. In January, 1879 he moved to Cairo and accepted a position in the U. S. Internal Revenue Office. He filled the office of assistant postmaster for a short time but, tiring of political life, accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Alexander County National Bank of Cairo. He remained with the bank for the remainder of his life, being cashier at the time of his death. September 2, 1879 he was married to Miss Abbie Laura Ent, and this faithful wife, together with a son and wife and two grandchildren survive him.

His Masonic career was one of uninterrupted and continued progress. He was raised in Cairo Lodge No. 237, September 29, 1884 and served as its Master in 1890-95-96. He was exalted in Cairo Chapter No. 71 in the spring of 1888 and filled the office of High Priest in 1892-1901 and 1905 to 1913 inclusive.

The degrees of Knighthood were conferred on him by Cairo Commandery No. 13, K. T., March 5, 1894 and he was elected commander for the years 1902-3.

He was also a member of the Shrine and was a charter member and First Patron of Queen Hester M. Chapter, O. E. S.

He was a member of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois.

October 25, 1894 he was received and anointed into the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Companion Spencer was elected Grand Master of the Second Veil in 1913, passing through all the line offices and on October 30th, 1919 he was honored with the highest office in the gift of the Capitular Masons of

Illinois. He filled this office with credit to himself and advantage to the Grand Chapter for one year and then became a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence and continued a member of that committee during his lifetime.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the Committee on Petitions of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, President of the Central Building and Loan Association, Road Clerk for Alexander County, member of the Kiwanis Club and Vestryman and Lay Reader for the Church of the Redeemer.

Early in life he united with the Protestant Episcopal Church and remained a faithful member of that communion. A fitting tribute to his character was paid by the rector, wardens and vestrymen of his church when they expressed their deep sorrow and profound sense of loss in the following resolutions:

“For many years a faithful Vestryman of this parish and an honored and beloved associate on this body to administer its temporal affairs, he is greatly mourned and missed. A Christian gentleman of sterling integrity, a loyal churchman, a devoted husband and father, a faithful and efficient officer in the many responsible positions he was called upon to fill, he leaves an unblemished record as a precious heritage to us all. Words of sympathy are inadequate to do justice to such a man, but we echo the universal opinion of the community in bearing testimony to his splendid qualities of mind and heart and his faithful Christian character. We desire this tribute to be spread upon the parish records and a copy sent to his bereaved family.”

Companion Spencer entered into his eternal rest March 1st, 1924 at the age of sixty-eight years. The funeral services were held March 3rd from the Church of the Redeemer. The ceremonies were conducted by the pastor, Cairo Lodge No. 237 A. F. & A. M., and Queen Hester M. Chapter, O. E. S.



Andrew D. Webb

ANDREW DUFF WEBB—1920.

MERE biography means little. Extravagant praise is easily bestowed. The life career of many a man has been so embellished with flattery as not to be recognizable by his neighbors. The real virtues are not communicated through biography. They are known only by the business partner, the husband or wife, the son or the daughter who are with him every day. They alone can know the rich fountains of love, of manliness, of nobility which flow from his heart. Only those who were closely associated with Andrew Duff Webb realize his sterling qualities as a man and as a Mason. There was nothing of the coward, the hypocrite, the weakling, in his makeup. He was born of parentage sturdy and honorable, January 4, 1864. His father was Elijah T. Webb, a pioneer surveyor and an able Baptist preacher, a strong and rugged character. His mother, Nancy Clark Webb, was indeed a mother, beloved and revered by all who knew her.

The boyhood of Companion Webb was spent on the farm where amid industrious toil, he obtained a good common school education. This education was completed by a classical course in Ewing College, Ewing, Illinois and in Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois, from which latter he obtained the well merited degree of A. B. in 1884; and in 1890 the degree of A. M.

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many honors and trusts upon him. From 1895 to 1897 he was Master in Chancery of Jefferson County. In 1897 he was elected City Attorney of Mt. Vernon, in which position he successfully served the people for two terms, and afterwards served two years as Corporation Counsel of the city.

In 1906 he was elected County Judge of Jefferson County and re-elected in 1910 and 1914 by large majorities. Judge Webb was ideal as a jurist, and his record as such will live as long as time lasts. Blessed with admirable poise and with a natural sense of justice and righteousness, his record will ever stand as a monument to his honor, integrity and ability. He was a fearless and just judge—a terror to the lawbreaker, the idol of the best citizenship.

As a business man he was keen and shrewd, and above all, square and honest. In 1892 he was the leading spirit in the organization of The Royal Loan and Building Company of Mt. Vernon, and served continuously as its secretary from its organization until his death. He had the satisfaction of seeing it built up from one of the smallest, to one of the largest and strongest financial institutions of the community.

As a Christian, he was humble and devout, but firm and well grounded in the faith. His church membership was with the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. For many years he was a deacon, and at the time of his death was the teacher of one of the largest Sunday School classes. Like the true Christian, he “fought a good fight” against the forces of evil and always lined up on the right side of every moral issue.

As a husband and father, he was ideal. He was the head of one of the happiest of families, and amid all his duties, honors and pleasures, the delight of his heart was his home and the dear ones therein.

He was married March 14, 1888 to Miss Clara B. Green of Cobden, Illinois, whose love and loyalty did much toward the upbuilding of his illustrious career. Seven fine children are now living as the result of this happy marriage. They all unite in obeying the sacred injunction: “Honor thy father and thy mother” and stand for the same high principles and ideals instilled into them within the sacred precincts of their beloved home.

Companion Webb ever delighted to honor Masonry, and Masonry ever delighted to honor him.

He was made a Master Mason in Ewing Lodge No. 705, November 5, 1887, and affiliated with Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 31 in 1888 of which latter lodge he was Worshipful Master in 1897. He was exalted in H. W. Hubbard Chapter (now Andrew D. Webb Chapter) No. 160, R. A. M. of Mt. Vernon, April 1, 1892 and served as High Priest in 1907 and again in 1908. He was also a member of Mt. Vernon Council R. & S. M., of Patton Commandery No. 69, K. T. of Mt. Vernon, of Oriental Consistory of Chicago, and of the Shrine at East St. Louis.

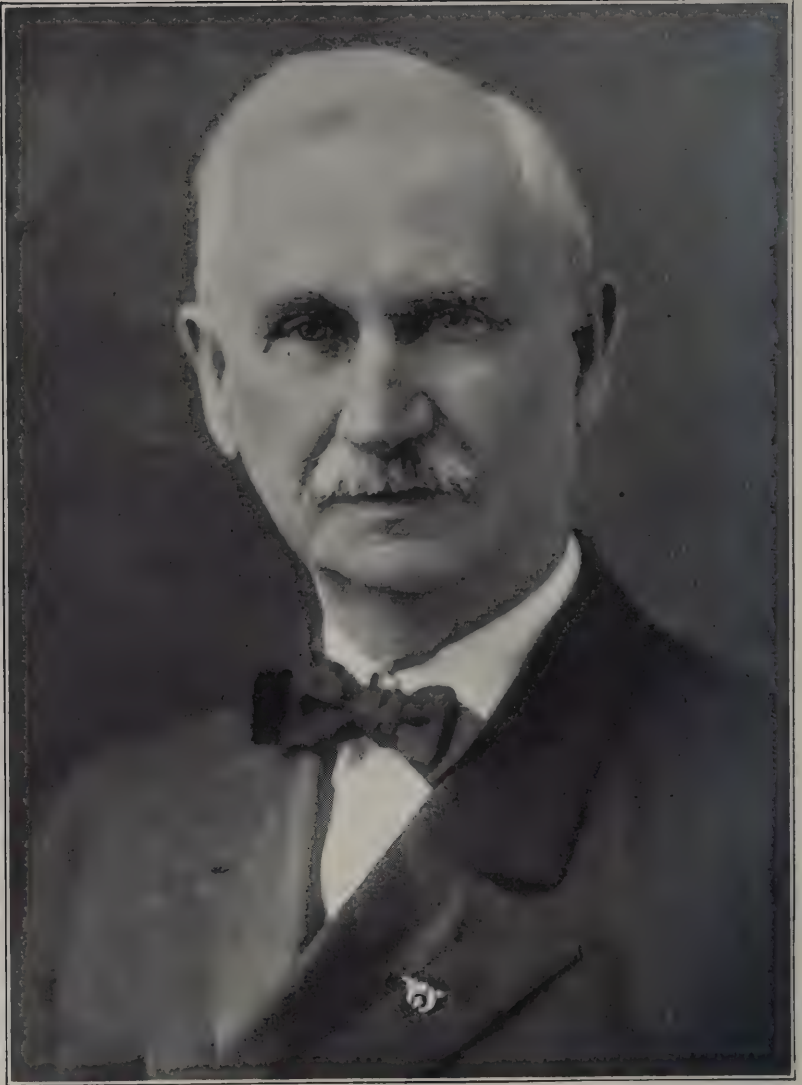
Companion Webb intensely loved Masonry in all of its organizations, but his life work was centered on the Chapter and he became very proficient therein. In recognition of this, he was appointed a member of the Board of Grand Examiners of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1907 in which position he served with marked success and usefulness for seven successive years, being chairman of the Board in 1909 and 1910. In 1914 he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil and was regularly advanced until 1920 when he was elected and installed as the Grand High Priest. Of the many honors bestowed upon him, this delighted him most. With his whole heart in the cause and with his characteristic energy and prudence he made a most excellent record, and vast progress was made all along the line in the membership and the usefulness of the Grand Chapter.

With seemingly prophetic vision, Companion Webb, upon relinquishing the gavel, and upon receiving the jewel as a Past Grand High Priest, said from the great depths of his soul: "When I see this beautiful jewel, I will be reminded of that priceless jewel, that pearl of great price, which I hope that we as Royal Arch Masons are to receive when we have wound up our Earthly careers, at the hands of Him who doeth all things well."

But a few days afterward, while tenderly talking about the pleasant days of the past, he suddenly and peacefully fell asleep in the arms of his daughter, Helen, and his blessed spirit ascended into the realms of endless bliss and glory. So ended the earthly life of this modest, unassuming man and Mason whose days were filled with deeds of love and devotion to his friends.

As an evidence of the great esteem in which he was held by his home chapter, by unanimous vote its name was changed in 1922 to Andrew D. Webb Chapter No. 160, and with the sanction of the Grand Chapter is now known by that name.

—Written by C. W. Harriss.



W. H. Bradley

WILBUR CLAY HADLEY—1921.

COMPANION W. C. Hadley, son of Rev. William Hadley and Diadema McKinney Hadley, was born on a farm west of Collinsville, Madison County, Illinois, August 28, 1842.

He received his education in the district school of his community and later attended McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois.

On reaching manhood he engaged in farming and school teaching, but in 1871 he changed his vocation and entered upon a commercial business, that of general merchandise in the city of Collinsville.

In June, 1891, he again changed his business activities and organized the State Bank of Collinsville, of which institution he was made president, and which position he still holds, being the sole survivor of the original stockholders, directors and officers.

Companion Hadley was made a Master Mason in Collinsville Lodge No. 712 in May, 1874, and served as Worshipful Master at various periods for many years. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in East St. Louis Chapter on April 10, 1879, and assisted in the organization of Unity Chapter No. 182 of Collinsville, of which chapter he is a charter member, and in which he served as Excellent High Priest for a period of thirty years. He is also a charter member of Collinsville Council, Royal and Select Masters, and was the first Thrice Illustrious Master; a member of Tancred Commandery No. 50, Knights Templar of Belleville, and a life member of Oriental Consistory of Chicago.

Companion Hadley's official career in the Grand Chapter began with his election as Grand Master of the First Veil on October 28, 1915, and advanced from year to year until reaching the exalted position of Grand High Priest on October 28, 1921. His administration of the office of Grand High Priest is best reflected by the concluding remarks of the committee on annual report of the Grand High Priest as follows:

"Your committee is profoundly impressed with the record of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois dur-

ing the past year and of the part in it so worthily taken by the Grand High Priest. He has not quietly rested upon the honors of his distinguished position, but has gone forth among the Companions, in whose Chapter affairs he has had a real and personal, as well as an official interest, and by his presence has inspired to great and worthy efforts.

"This official year is the first one in nearly three-fourths of the century of the Grand Chapter of Illinois that the Companions have placed the direction of this great jurisdiction in the hands of one who has borne the heat and burden of the day for more than four score years.

"Length of days, such as are so beautifully described in the Great Light of Masonry, have been vouchsafed to Most Excellent Companion Wilbur Clay Hadley, and with them those riches of human interest and sentiments of brotherhood which illustrate most fittingly the beauties of Masonry. These he has devoted to those about him in unstinted measure, making a record of personal visitation and direct administration unusual for the office of Grand High Priest.

"Your committee congratulates this Grand Chapter that there was found to such marked degree in the distinguished personality of your Grand High Priest the wisdom of experience, the strength of purpose and the beauty of character to direct its affairs in such markedly successful manner."

—Written by W. H. Hadley.



Wm. A. Eichler

WILLIAM A. EICHLER—1922.

THE companion whose life record is here presented is a native of Chicago. The date of his birth was December 25, 1869. Being without the opportunity for higher education his persistence and determination supplied the need and today he stands forth a self-educated, self-reliant, prosperous business man. He is possessed of strong convictions and is unhesitating in expressing them when he deems it necessary but, withal, his courtesy and unfailing sympathy command the respect and friendship of those with whom he differs. He is one of those of whom men say "You know where to find him"; there is never a doubt about his attitude. At the age of fifteen years he left the public school and became a plumber's assistant. Upon reaching his majority that sturdy self-confidence and independent spirit for which he is noted, first became manifest when he decided to start in business for himself. He has ever since conducted a plumbing and contracting business with decided success.

No man is more loyal and devoted to his family. January 14, 1891 he was united in marriage with Miss Annie Elizabeth Schornberg of Chicago. March 15, 1909 she preceded him to the better world and left four small children. His second marriage was to Miss Bessie Belle Hosler, of Ashland, Ohio. To this union were born three children. Four children are still living and are the comfort and joy of the father.

His Masonic affiliations were rapidly made. Less than four months after being raised his name was on the list of members of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., joining January 23, 1903.

October 7, 1902 he was raised in Garden City Lodge No. 141 but never held any office therein.

He was exalted in LaFayette Chapter No. 2, December 1, 1902. Five years later he was elected High Priest.

The degrees of Knighthood were conferred December 30, 1902 by Apollo Commandery No. 1, K. T.

He was greeted a Select Master January 19, 1903 in Palestine Council, R. & S. M. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1910.

The last organization which he joined was Andrew Wilson Chapter O. E. S.

The excellency of his ritualistic work was so well known that in 1910 the Grand High Priest, John C. Hallenbeck, appointed him a member of the Board of Grand Examiners and from that date his popularity rapidly spread to all parts of the state. He served six years as a member of the Board, the last three of which he was chairman. His remarkable memory and extreme accuracy soon pointed him out as an exceptional ritualist. It was his custom on the first day of a school to introduce himself to every companion present and thereafter he was never at a loss for the name of any person in attendance; a faculty possessed by very few.

In 1914 he was appointed a member of the committee that prepared the ritual in use at the present time.

His wide acquaintance and generally known ability caused him to be elected Grand Master of the Second Veil in 1916 without opposition. He was advanced each year, serving in every station but those of Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Scribe. October 26, 1922 he was elected and installed Grand High Priest. His administration was noted for the excellent supervision and careful attention given to all matters that came up during his incumbency. It was through his forethought that attention was called to the approaching seventy-fifth anniversary and the first committee was appointed to make arrangements for a suitable celebration.

October 28, 1908 he was received and anointed a member of the Order of High Priesthood and for the last two years has been Excellent Conductor.

He holds honorary membership in thirty-six chapters and in many other Masonic bodies.

Being blessed with a splendid personality, a strong constitution and a thorough knowledge of Capitular affairs his usefulness has not yet reached its zenith.



J. C. Ferrin

JOHN CHARLES FERRIN—1923.

WHEN a man devotes himself to a single object for a long time, honor and preferment come unsought and unsolicited as the reward of faithful service. Success means achievement. This applies as well to fraternal as to business life. The eminent companion whose name is at the head of this sketch applied himself to the study of the chapter ritual from love of the work. Years after when death created a vacancy in the line officers the mere suggestion of his name was sufficient to insure his election without opposition and without any previous solicitation on the part of his many friends.

Companion J. C. Ferrin was born at Lamont, Cook County, Illinois, on July 10th, 1858.

When he was four years of age his father died, and his mother soon afterwards moved to Mt. Carroll, Illinois, where he resided until reaching the age of manhood.

At the age of seventeen he graduated at the Mt. Carroll High School, and engaged in teaching during the next two years.

He then learned the carriage building trade at Mt. Carroll, and removed to LaSalle County, Illinois, where he engaged in his trade for several years.

In 1888 he disposed of his business connections at Seneca, and accepted a position with the Pullman Company at Pullman, Illinois. He continued as assistant manager of the repair department for the Pullman Company at Pullman and at Ludlow, Kentucky, until 1902, when he resigned, and bought a store at Pullman which he conducted until about 1917, when he disposed of his business, and has not been actively engaged since that time.

Companion Ferrin married Anna M. Sutton of Mt. Carroll, and having no children to share their lot, they now live in their home in Chicago, happy and well content.

Companion Ferrin was made a Master Mason in Waltham Lodge No. 384 on August 28th, 1882, but soon after affiliated with Seneca Lodge No. 530, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1886.

In 1893 he was transferred by the Pullman Company to Ludlow, Kentucky, where he affiliated with Samuel Reed Lodge No. 478 and served as Worshipful Master two years, 1894 and 1895.

In 1900 he affiliated with Palace Lodge No. 765, where he is still a member.

He was exalted in Pullman Chapter No. 204 on June 8th, 1904, and served as Excellent High Priest in 1910.

He is also a member of Imperial Council No. 85, R. and S. M., and Woodlawn Commandery No. 76, K. T.

He is Past Patron of Palace Chapter No. 264 O. E. S., and Past W. S. of Martha Shrine No. 31, W. S. of J.

Companion Ferrin takes a keen interest in all these bodies, but his activities have been most pronounced in Capitular Masonry.

Mrs. Ferrin also takes deep interest in all Masonic affairs, and Companion Ferrin attributes much of his advancement in Masonry to her kindly interest and encouragement.

He says, that while she does not know quite as many signs and pass-words as he does, in other respects she is as good a Mason as he.

Companion Ferrin was appointed a member of the Board of Grand Examiners in the Grand Chapter in 1914 by M. E. Companion L. L. Emmerson, and served in that position for three years. He was elected Grand Master of the First Veil at the annual convocation in 1916 and has been successively advanced each year until 1913 when he was elected and installed into the office of Grand High Priest.

His administration was marked with vigor and ability. It was at his suggestion that the chapters of Cook County contributed the funds to provide the wading pool for the children at the LaGrange Home. An improvement that has proved very popular and will be a lasting monument to the forethought of Companion Ferrin.

He is still in full strength and vigor and has not lost any of his enthusiasm for his beloved order.



A. A. Clevantine

HIRAM A. CLEVENSTINE—1924.

THE value of any citizen is measured by the services he has rendered for the betterment of his community. The example of a clean, upright life is always an inspiration to others and the moral tenor of a man's friends and associates is raised in proportion to his strength of character. A man's helpfulness to society is not shown by the number and importance of public offices held nor by an overwhelming ambition to become prominent at the expense of others but his influence for good is diffused by daily acts of kindness and by a sympathetic co-operation with others in an effort to raise the standard of humanity. The subject of this sketch has never been ambitious to become prominent in civic life but as a recognition of his worth his services have been drafted for that most important duty—Education. Companion Clevenstine is now serving his sixth year as a member of the Board of Education of the city of Rock Island.

He has always taken a keen interest in the business affairs of his home city. He served for a number of years as a director of the Business Men's Association and for two years as its president. He also served two terms as President of the Retail Merchants' Association and is still a member of its board of directors.

His patriotism was shown by his service as United States Fuel Administrator for Rock Island County during the late war.

For the last fourteen years he has been one of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Association of Rock Island.

Companion Clevenstine's parents came from Pennsylvania. His father died in 1886 but his mother is still living and has reached the age of four score and three years.

He first saw the light of day December 26th, 1870 in Rock Grove, Stephenson County, Illinois. Here he spent his early years assisting his father in the management of a grocery store and in the accumulation of that fund of business experience which has served him so well in his mature years.

His education was acquired in the local schools. After graduating from the Rock Grove High School he attended Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York. At the close of his school life he became a commercial traveller for a wholesale grocery house. He continued in that capacity for sixteen years when, feeling that his experience and knowledge required a field of greater activity, he severed his connection with the wholesale house and engaged in business for himself in Rock Island. That this venture was successful is shown by the fact that he has been for several years president and general manager of a chain of retail grocery stores in his home city.

March 26th, 1903 he was united in marriage with Miss Nellie D. Dibbern, of Rock Island. This home has been blessed with two daughters, Elizabeth J. and Helen A., now nineteen and thirteen years respectively.

Companion Clevenstine and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

The Masonic career of Companion Clevenstine has been a brilliant one. He was raised in Rock Island Lodge No. 658, April 1st, 1898; exalted in Rock Island Chapter No. 18, December 27th, 1898; knighted in Rock Island Commandery No. 18, June 12th, 1899 and greeted in Rock Island Council No. 20, December 27th, 1904. His value to Masonry was recognized by his election to preside over all these bodies. He also holds membership in Freeport Consistory, S. P. R. S., Freeport, Illinois and Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Davenport, Iowa.

The services he rendered to the local bodies became known outside of his home city to such an extent that in 1917 he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil and after passing through most of the intermediate offices he was elected and installed Grand High Priest at the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation held October 30-31, 1924.

He is the seventy-fourth companion to hold that office. His powers and faculties are now in full vigor and there is every reason to suppose that his usefulness to the Capitular craft will increase with the experience gained from his administration of the affairs of the Grand Chapter during the coming year.



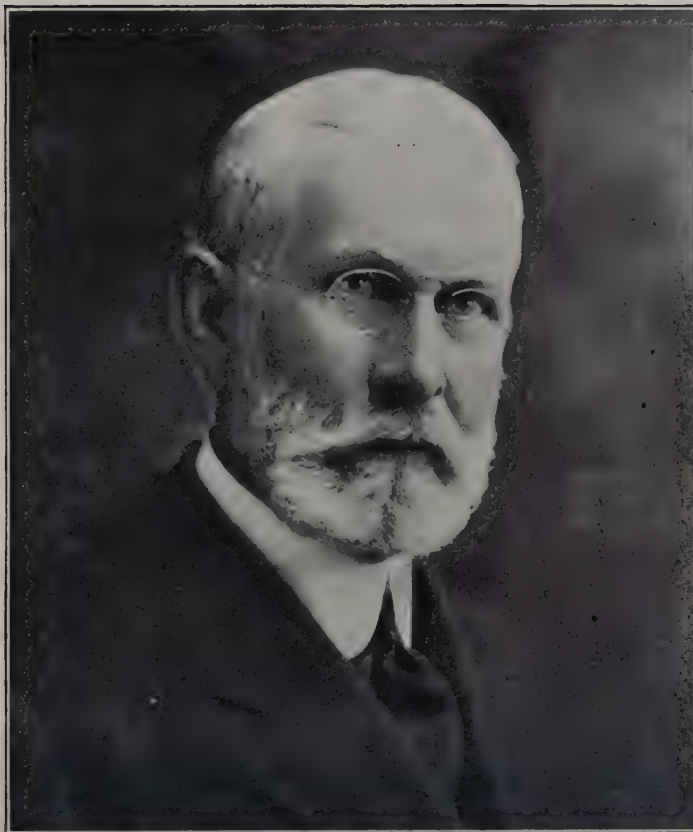
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GEORGE W. CURTISS
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D. S. DAVIDSON
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E. E. CORE
Grand Captain of the Host



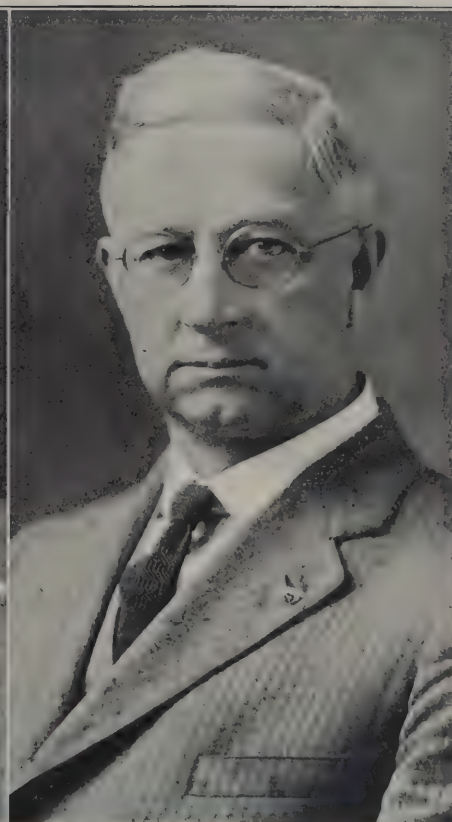
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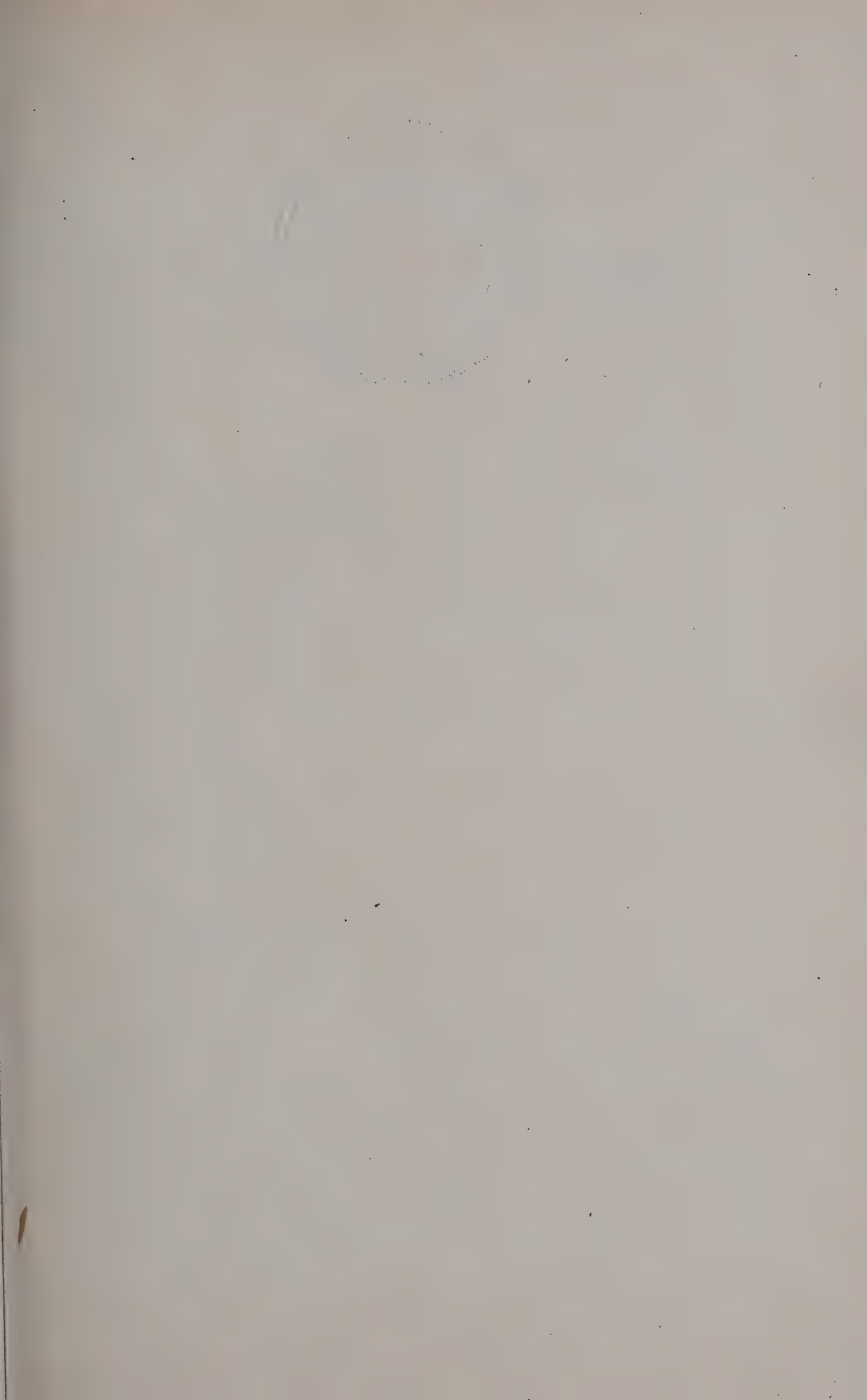
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Grand Master Second Veil



J. CYRIL BEGG
Grand Master Third Veil



L. W. NEWCOMER
Grand Master First Veil



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*The Grand Royal Arch Chapter
of Illinois
invites you to be present at and
participate in the exercises
attending its
Seventy-fifth Anniversary
to be held at the
City of Chicago
on Thursday, October the thirtieth
nineteen hundred and twenty-four*

*Jas. E. Jeffers
Grand Secretary*

*J. C. Ferrin
Grand High Priest*

A FEAST OF SONG AND STORY.

PPROMPTLY at eight o'clock on Thursday evening, October 30th, 1924, the magnificent ball room of the LaSalle Hotel was again filled with the companions who were present to commemorate the Seventy-first Anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois.

Grand High Priest Ferrin, in opening the proceedings, said:

"Companions: We are gathered here tonight to celebrate the conclusion of the third quarter of a century in the history of this Grand Chapter. As Grand High Priest, I bid you all a hearty welcome to our birthday party in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois.

"Perhaps it is a disappointment to some of you that a banquet is not the chief feature of this celebration, and I must confess that the Grand High Priest is not averse to sitting down to a well spread table himself. But realizing that many of you, by your early indiscretions, have rendered it impossible for you to enjoy the delectable preparations of the well trained chef, it was decided a year ago that this celebration should consist of a high class musical and literary entertainment which all could enjoy.

"To that end, I appointed the following committee to arrange and conduct this celebration: Companions Jas. K. Lambert, chairman; Harry W. Harvey, Jas. E. Jeffers, Harry H. Lostetter, Geo. W. Cyrus, Owen Scott and C. W. Harriss.

"The one suggestion that I made to the committee was that a permanent memorial of some kind, to mark this important epoch in the history of our Grand Chapter ought to be provided; and I cannot let this opportunity pass of paying a tribute to the Chapters of the first five districts who made the building of such a memorial possible during the past summer.

"There are at the Masonic Orphans' Home at LaGrange about sixty little tots under school age, most of whom are under the auspices of lodges situated in Cook County or the immediate vicinity.

"Recalling the words of Companion Moulton at the dedication of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan on July fourth, 1915, when he said, 'But I claim as my brightest jewel, the fairest gem in my collection of Masonic treasures, the priceless and inestimable glory of transforming from a

dream to reality, the establishment of a Home, permanent, comfortable, joyful and useful, for the dependent orphan children of our deceased brethren.'

"Knowing Companion Moulton's great interest in this Home, I consulted him regarding the advisability of building a wading-pool for these children, as a permanent memorial of the 75th anniversary of our Grand Chapter, and explained the plan I had in view of providing the necessary funds.

"The result is, that through the prompt generosity of the sixty Chapters in the first five districts, who placed in the hands of the committee the magnificent donation amounting to nearly five thousand dollars, there is today, at the Home at LaGrange, a permanent memorial of the 75th anniversary of this Grand Chapter, consisting of a sixty foot wading-pool, with a handsome drinking fountain in connection, and a covered sand pavilion about twenty by forty feet in size; bronze tablets designate the donors of the fund, and the purpose of the memorial.

"To the Chapters in the first five districts, I wish to say on behalf of the committee, and as your Grand High Priest, we thank you; and better than this, those little tots at the Home thank you, and will enjoy the result of your generosity for many years to come.

"I am satisfied from the program before us, that the committee has performed its work well, and I trust that what it has prepared will please you.

"That it may finish what it has so well started, I am going to call on the chairman, Companion Jas. K. Lambert, to take charge of the program. This brilliant young attorney, whose modesty is exceeded only by his good looks, and whose geniality is exceeded by neither, was never embarrassed but once in his life, and that occurred in the early years of his struggling career, when lack of clients induced him to accept the office of Justice of the Peace; in this capacity he was frequently called upon to perform the marriage ceremony.

"One day there happened to drop into his office a big husky ducky and his lady-love, who said they wanted to be married.

"While two dollars was the usual fee, and the ducky said he had but fifty cents, Companion Lambert, with his usual 'Scotch thrift' thought well, fifty cents is fifty cents, and he consented to marry them. Everything went all right until they were pronounced 'man and wife', when the groom immediately started to kiss the bride; she, however, had a different idea of what was proper, and said 'hold on dar nigger, de Justice done hab de fust chance.'

"Companion Lambert, I will now turn the program over to you."

Companion James K. Lambert then spoke as follows:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions: I am very glad, indeed, that the Grand High Priest told you that I am young, and that I am good looking; otherwise you wouldn't probably have thought so, and I am glad to have that settled right at the start. It is true because the Grand High Priest says so, and his reputation for truth and veracity has never been questioned. Ferrin, like Brutus, is an honorable man.

"I recall, however, that only a few years ago, in conversation with the Grand High Priest he remarked to me that there was a time in his life when he aspired to the office of Justice of the Peace, and it is perfectly plain now to me why he sought the job. He wanted to smack the bride.

"Companions, it affords me a very lively sense of pleasure indeed to join with the Grand High Priest in welcoming you to this Seventy-fifth Anniversary, and sharing with you the good cheer and the fellowship that bounds us on every side.

"There are certain occasions in our lives when we are brought into such relationships with those having kindred minds and purposes, and those occasions give us inspiration, uplift our feelings into the realm of wonder and congeniality, and fill our hearts with delight and satisfaction, and this is certainly one of those occasions.

"We are here because of a unanimity of purpose, because of a unanimity of thought, and because we are interested in the upbuilding of our race, in the increase of happiness, in the development of our higher qualities, and we are here because we believe that the teachings of Freemasonry, if lived up to in every day life, would bring human effort to its fullest fruition and human character to its highest expression.

"Now, as the Grand High Priest has stated, the committee believes that it has prepared a good program, and the committee hopes that all will remain until the close.

"The Grand High Priest has asked me to call off the numbers on the program, and the first number on the card is vocal music by the Riedell Sextette."

INVOCATION.

The following invocation was then rendered by the Grand Chaplain.

"Oh, God, our help in ages past; our hope for years to come; our shelter from the stormy blast and our Eternal Home.

"We laud and magnify Thy high and holy name. Thou art the giver of every good and every perfect gift. Thou hast crowned our days with Thy loving kindness and tender mer-

cies; we rejoice that we are privileged tonight to gather here and thus celebrate together the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of our truly great Fraternity.

"We thank Thee for the achievements which have been wrought in harmony with Thy divine purpose; we thank Thee for what has been accomplished collectively and individually, and we realize that we have a great heritage.

"Noble men have toiled before us; have left great examples, and are now in the splendor of our God. We are their sons. We pray that strength may be given unto each one of us that we may pursue our way in harmony with Thy divine will and plan.

"To this end give us individually Thy grace; sustain us in the hours of difficulty and of trial; make us brave and strong as we meet the common enemy of mankind, and may we everywhere display the strength which God ever supplies to his trusting children.

"Let this evening be a delight. Bless every part of the evening's entertainment, and may we go from this place more than ever determined to uphold the true banner of righteousness and live for Him who gave Himself for us. We ask all in His Name. Amen."

Companion Lambert: The next number on the program is instrumental, and will be rendered by the Cleora Miller Trio.

Companion Lambert: At this time, Companions, the Grand High Priest has something to say.

Companion Ferrin: "Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois: When that great Mason, and revolutionary patriot, Benjamin Franklin, was Post Master General of the United States, he established the first 'Post Road' from Boston to Philadelphia, going over and personally inspecting every part of the route, and causing to be placed in the earth a stone, to mark each mile of the distance.

"It is said, that those stone markers still stand as they were originally placed; showing how well he did his work.

"As this Grand Chapter meets today, it is marking off the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its existence, its work, and its progress.

"From that date, seventyfive years ago, when Most Excellent Companion Wm. B. Warren and the representatives of six Chapters met at Springfield, and organized this Grand Chapter, the records of our beloved Past Grand High Priests stand as permanent markers, showing how well they performed their work in establishing, and promoting the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, until it has grown from the six original

Chapters, each with a handful of members, to an organization consisting of two hundred thirty-seven Chapters, with eighty-six thousand members.

"It is an inspiring thing to celebrate, and reflect upon the birthdays of great men and great organizations; from time immemorial we have celebrated, on the twenty-fifth day of December, the birthday of the greatest exponent of 'Friendship and Brotherly Love' the world has ever known; for nearly one hundred fifty years we have celebrated the birthday of our National Independence; we celebrate, each year, the birthdays of those Immortal Statesmen who have guided our 'Ship of State' in her progress through the years, until today we have become the greatest Nation of liberty-loving people on the globe.

"And it is fitting that we today celebrate, and rejoice over what has been accomplished in Capitular Masonry since the birthday of our Grand Chapter seventy-five years ago.

'Some one has said,

"It is not the birthdays that mean so much,
As the way we use the time between
In doing the things that count; for it's such
That keeps the memory of birthdays green."

"From the time of its first convocation until the present time, this Grand Chapter has met regularly in annual convocation, and during all that time it has enjoyed a career of almost uninterrupted prosperity.

"When this Grand Chapter celebrated its semi-centennial in nineteen hundred, forty-eight Companions had served as Grand High Priest, and twenty of them were present at that celebration.

"Since then seventeen of them have been called to the 'Great Beyond', leaving but three Companions now living, who as Past Grand High Priests, had a part in that event.

"We are delighted to have all three of those distinguished Companions with us tonight; they are, George W. Curtiss, Sylvester O. Spring and George M. Moulton, and I will ask these Companions to kindly come to the dais where you can see them.

"Companions, it affords me very great pleasure to present Companion George W. Curtiss, the dean of our Past Grand High Priests. Companion Curtiss has a long and an enviable record in Capitular Masonry; he was made a Royal Arch Master fifty-four years ago, and in 1878 was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in this Grand Chapter, and served as Grand High Priest in 1886. In 1902 he was elected Grand Treasurer, and has served faithfully in that office ever since. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Scot-

land for many years previous to 1889, when Companion Jos. E. Dias, M. E. G. H. P., appointed a 'real Scot' to that position, and Companion Curtiss has since then represented the Grand Chapter of California.

"With equal pleasure I present Companion Sylvester O. Spring, who has been a Royal Arch Mason for fifty-two years, and was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in 1880, serving as Grand High Priest in 1888. Companion Spring has represented the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, near this Grand Chapter, since 1887.

"It is with no less pleasure I present Companion George M. Moulton, who has been a Royal Arch Mason for half a century, and who was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in 1887, and served as Grand High Priest in 1895. Time will not permit giving in detail the wonderful record of these beloved Companions, neither will I attempt to give the titles acquired by Companion Moulton during his civil, military and Masonic career. He has represented the Grand Chapter of Delaware for thirty-five years, and it has recently been my pleasure to recommend the renewal of his commission in that capacity.

"Companions, a careful search of the records fails to find any convocation of this Grand Chapter not attended by all of these Companions since they respectively started in line in the First Veil; a remarkable record indeed.

"In recognition of the long and faithful service of these beloved Companions, whom we all delight to honor, I have prepared the following resolutions which I will read to you, after you have joined me in according them the Grand Honors of Masonry.

"Whereas, There are but three Companions now living, who, as Past Grand High Priests, attended the fiftieth anniversary of this Grand Chapter, held in nineteen hundred, namely, George W. Curtiss, Sylvester O. Spring and George M. Moulton, and

"Whereas, All of these beloved Companions are present with us today at the seventy-fifth annual convocation, and have attended every convocation of this Grand Body since the fiftieth anniversary, and for many years previous thereto;

"Therefore, as an expression of the high esteem and fraternal regard in which these Most Excellent Companions are held by the members of this Grand Chapter, and in grateful appreciation of the valuable assistance so cheerfully rendered this Grand Body during all these years, be it

"Resolved, That we extend to these Most Excellent Companions our heartiest congratulations, together with our profound thanks, and appreciation of their faithful

service to Capitular Masonry, with the hope that a kind Providence will permit them to enjoy many more years of felicitous communion with this Grand Chapter.

"Be it further resolved, That each of these Companions be furnished with a copy of these resolutions."

Companions, I now have the pleasure, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, of handing each of you an engrossed copy of these resolutions, which I trust will please you, and which can be passed on to the younger members of your families, that they may know of the love and esteem in which you were held by your associates in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois.

Response by Companion George W. Curtiss.

First, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, Most Excellent Companions Spring and Moulton, let me thank you sincerely for the tender expressions of appreciation which have just been read to us, and the enduring form in engrossed and illuminated copies which you have presented to each of us, and which we shall treasure beyond words as the years go by.

"Companions, when men have passed the meridian of life, and have reached old age, and perhaps have passed the years of discretion as well, I can conceive of no more forcible way of reminding them that they are growing old, (which fact they try to forget), than to stand them up before the firing line with their backs to the wall, and then announce in senatorian tones, so that all the world may hear, 'Here stand before you the three oldest dead ducks in the Grand Chapter.'

"It is true, Companions, that we, whom you have just honored, are the three Senior Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, and I am told and believe it to be true, that we are the only three surviving Past Grand High Priests who were present at the Fiftieth celebration of the anniversary of the organization of this Grand Chapter, and it is a circumstance, if it is not a fact, a peculiar fact that those same three Companions in the order of seniority, myself, Most Excellent Companion Spring, and Most Excellent Companion Moulton, the three Senior Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter, are the three senior Past Active Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, except in a reverse order of seniority; that is to say, in the Grand Chapter they rank this way: Curtiss, Spring and Moulton, and in the Grand Commandery it is Moulton, Spring and Curtiss. Thus, they honor me with being the head of the animal in the one instance and the tail in the other, and they honor Moulton by being the head in the one and the tail in the other, and they sandwich in, to make it lively and enduring and full of good will, Most Excellent Companion Spring as the form and body of the dog.

"It has been said, Companions, that as men grow older, their minds and thoughts revert to the activities and scenes of their younger days, when the blood ran hot and the life pulsated with ambition, with its lust of power and place. It has also been said that those who have reached old age should not indulge in reminiscences.

"This is the Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and is the Fiftieth consecutive annual convocation of this Grand Chapter that I have had the pleasure and honor of attending, and it would be strange indeed, if, during that period of fifty years, some event had not happened which was worth repeating to you and to be of interest to you.

"Beginning in 1875 we had about 150 Chapters in the State. All small, with a total membership of about 9,500, or an average of about 60 to each Chapter. During that period and since then the work had been guided by strong hands who laid well the foundations of our present prosperity.

"It is a pleasure to me to recall in memory the names of many of our Past Grand High Priests with whom I was formerly intimately associated, and to remember that they were the ones who laid out the work that you have carried on so well.

"In the course of time, Companions, we shall pass on, and the work will fall to you of younger blood, and that you will carry it on equally as well I am assured.

This Grand Chapter has grown, within my knowledge, from about 9,000 members to 86,410. We have passed Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, all of which led us in membership and today we are the largest Grand Jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masons in the world.

"For us, Companions, who have attained the years that Most Excellent Companions Moulton, Spring and myself have attained, the ground slopes down gently to the westward, towards the setting sun; to the Garden of Hesperides where the apples are golden and the perfume that is borne to us on its breezes become more and more fragrant to us as we become more and more a part of it. I thank you."

The Grand High Priest then requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Past Grand High Priests, commencing with the year 1900, and asked all who were present to kindly step to the dais.

1900—Nathaniel Bowditch, present.

1901—George W. Warvelle, absent.

1902—Chas. H. Patton, died in office.

1903—Alfred A. Whipple, present.

1904—Robert L. McKinley, died 1917.

1905—Leroy A. Goddard, present.

1906—George F. Henthorne, present.

1907—Marcus M. Lord, died 1918.

1908—Monroe C. Crawford, died 1919.
 1909—Fred E. Hoberg, died 1923.
 1910—H. H. Montgomery, absent.
 1911—John C. Hallenbeck, died 1924.
 1912—Chas. C. Davis, present.
 1913—Wm. B. Carlock, absent.
 1914—Louis L. Emmerson, present.
 1915—Everett R. Turnbull, present.
 1916—Harry W. Harvey, present.
 1917—James E. Jeffers, present.
 1918—Arthur E. Wood, present.
 1919—Wm. C. Sommer, died 1922.
 1920—Frank Spencer, died 1924.
 1921—Andrew D. Webb, died 1921.
 1922—Wilbur C. Hadley, present.
 1923—William A. Eichler, present.

Grand High Priest: "Standing before you at this time are the Companions who, together with those who have carried up their 'final work for inspection', and those who through infirmity or other causes are unable to be with us, are the Past Grand High Priests who have served this Grand Chapter since its fiftieth anniversary.

"The Companions who have directed the destinies of this Grand Chapter from the time when there were but 181 Chapters with a total membership of seventeen thousand, to the present time, when we enjoy the proud distinction of being the premier Grand Chapter of the world, with 237 Chapters and eighty-six thousand members.

"We are, I am sure, delighted to honor these noble Companions, each of whom during his year as Grand High Priest, gave to this Grand Chapter the very best effort of which he was capable, and presented 'good work for inspection'; work which bears 'the Mark' of the Companion presenting it, and which will go down through the records of time as a testimony that 'the Companion who wrought it is worthy of the confidence of the craft.'

"Companions, you will unite with me in according to our Past Grand High Priests, the Grand Honors of Masonry.

"When we reflect upon the change made during the past seventy-five years, and consider the wonderful progress the world has made in all that pertains to the comfort, luxury and convenience of the present, we must be impressed with the noble spirit, and the love for their fellow-men which endowed the illustrious men who gave to the upbuilding of this great institution the best they had.

"While we, today, are able to travel over hard, smooth roads, in our automobiles, or luxurious palace cars, and meet in comfortable halls, or commodious temples, those early pioneers of Masonry were obliged to travel some times long dis-

tances, over muddy roads, perhaps fording streams, to meet in bare lodge rooms, dimly lighted and poorly furnished, and with but little to inspire them to Masonic activity, save the real love they had for their fellow-men, and the consciousness, that they were building for the future of a great organization whose outstanding motto is 'the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man'.

"Too much credit can not be given to those splendid Companions who laid the foundation of what is today, the largest Grand Jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masons in the world, and we can truly say, 'they builded better than they knew'.

"How well they builded will be told far better than I can tell, by our historian, Companion Everett R. Turnbull, M. E. P. G. H. P., who has in preparation a souvenir volume giving a history of this Grand Chapter for the last twenty-five years, and I assure you a treat is in store for you when you read this record from the brilliant mind and ready pen of Companion Turnbull.

"Companions, I again bid you welcome to our 'diamond jubilee', and when you return to your own firesides may the recollection of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois remain with you as a pleasing memory."

Companion Nathaniel Bowditch was then called upon and spoke as follows:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions—I do not purpose making a speech. I have prepared a few remarks, which I will read to you.

"Reviewing the incidents, friends and acquaintances, I have had in the fifty-six years of my Masonic experience, makes me reminiscent. It carries me back to an early period in the history of this Grand Chapter. In July, 1868, I first received Masonic light. The following October, I was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Fox River Chapter No. 14. As a visiting Companion, I attended the convocations of this Grand Chapter in 1869-70-71-74 and 75. But I never thought, much less dreamed, that twenty-five years thereafter I would have the great honor and proud privilege of presiding at the Semi-Centennial of this Grand Chapter. A notable feature of which was the opportunity afforded me of welcoming and introducing to the Companions, Companion Charles Fisher of Springfield—a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln—who was present at, and participated in, the organization of this Grand Chapter in 1850, the only living survivor of that small but zealous group of Companions who organized and called into being a Grand Chapter destined to become, as it is today, the largest Grand Chapter in the world. Seventy-five years of prosperous existence, and with our proud record, suggests the thought, what will a quarter of a century hence bring forth? It rests

with you, Companions, especially the younger members, who may bear the burdens and control the policies and business interests of this great and growing organization in the coming years. Having been a Royal Arch Mason for fifty-six years, and having attended the 25th and the 50th anniversaries, as well as the present, the seventy-fifth, it is only natural that I should 'get the habit', and strongly desire to be present and participate in the next—the Centennial 25 years hence. Arrangements for which will be made in due time. However, it is perhaps possible that I may not be visible to mortal eyes. But all the same, I will be with you upon that great occasion.

"In the early seventies my business interests called me all over the state, and continued to do so for about forty years. I was active and zealous in the Masonic vineyard, sought and made the acquaintance of many prominent Masons. Some of whom were the early fathers of our Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. I will refer to only a few of the earlier and more notable of the Companions of this Grand Chapter. I was personally acquainted with three of the fathers, who in 1850 and 1851 were present at, and assisted in, the organization of this Grand Chapter. James V. Z. Blaney of Chicago, Levi Lusk of Rushville and Harmon G. Reynolds of Springfield, who in 1851 was elected Grand Secretary and held that office for 18 years. Ira A. W. Buck, High Priest of Aurora Chapter No. 22, was taken from the floor of the Grand Chapter in 1855 and made its Grand High Priest, and who also was a Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and who was three times honored by election as Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1858-59 and 60. Much could be said concerning his eminent ability and services. But I will quote three lines from the brief biographical sketch as it appears on page 56 of the History of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, published in 1900, viz:

" 'Only five years from Entered Apprentice to Grand High Priest, and eight years to Grand Master, in so large a jurisdiction as ours, indicates a strength of character and degree of fitness possessed by few.'

In 1854 he was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. This occurred three years before the Grand Commandery of Illinois was organized. He was, therefore, the first Illinois Templar to be honored by an election to office in that Grand Body.

"Hiram W. Hubbard, Grand High Priest, 1863, a zealous Mason and a great organizer.

"Wiley M. Egan, Grand High Priest, 1864; Grand Treasurer, 1880, until his death 21 years later.

"Loyal L. Munn, Grand High Priest, 1865.

“Orlin H. Miner, Grand High Priest, 1866; Grand Treasurer, 1879 and 1880.

“James H. Miles, Grand High Priest, 1868; Grand Secretary, 1869 to 1877.

“John M. Pearson, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest, 1869; Grand Master, Grand Council; Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, a gifted and noted Masonic jurist and a warm personal friend.

“James A. Hawley, Grand High Priest, 1871, one of the distinguished members of our fraternity, who filled the Grand East of our Grand Lodge; was also Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery.

“Haswell C. Clark, Grand High Priest, 1875.

“Samuel Shannon, Grand High Priest, 1882.

“Joseph E. Dyas, Grand High Priest, 1889; also General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter.

“Last, but by no means the least, Gil W. Barnard, Grand Secretary, 1878, until his death 30 years later. Perhaps the most widely known and popular Mason in Illinois. A wise and safe counselor and a close personal friend, whose counsel and advice during my official term, was of great benefit to me and keenly appreciated. More names could be added to this list, but I feel that I must call a halt somewhere.

“These early fathers, and those associated with them, including others who followed later on, laid broad and deep the foundations upon which this Grand Chapter rests. They have left us a glorious heritage, which, I feel certain, will never be lost or diminished. But they have gone hence, crossed the ‘Great Divide’. But their works will live after them. As I review the character, experience and services rendered our fraternity by these and other zealous and capable members, and realize the personal and only minor part I have played in this great Masonic drama, I feel very much like the poet, who exclaimed:

“ ‘When I remember all
The friends so linked together,
I’ve seen around me fall
Like leaves in wintry weather,
I feel like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled,
Whose garlands dead,
And all but him departed.’ ”

“To you, Companions, and your successors, is entrusted the privilege and duty of maintaining and, if possible, even increasing, our present high standard of efficiency, and to up-

hold the Banner of Royal Arch Masonry at the head of the procession a quarter of a century hence as the 'Premier'—the greatest Grand Chapter in the world."

At this point Chairman Lambert called upon the Riedell Sextette for further vocal music.

Chairman Lambert: As the Grand High Priest has stated, Companion Turnbull has in preparation a souvenir volume, dealing particularly with that part of our history that has to do with the past twenty-five years. We believe it is a good thing for this Grand Chapter to keep its history up to date, and in such a convenient form as may be within the reach of the Royal Arch Craft in general.

Companion Turnbull will now speak on the topic "Historical."

Companion Turnbull: "The history of any institution or society of men is only the biography of its members. It is the story of their life work; their dreams, ambitions and accomplishments.

"The history of the Grand Chapter is made up from the daily lives and actions of the individuals who compose it; men who have given of their time and have made sacrifices that the institution might become great but who, in most cases, have had their names consigned to oblivion by those who followed after them.

"The men who have made this history were only concerned in solving, to the best of their ability, the questions of each day as they were presented without being conscious of the effect of their decisions upon future generations.

"An institution of character is not founded in a day. It is the result of years of growth and of the dissemination of its principles. No institution can long exist that does not rest upon a secure foundation. That the founders of Capitular Masonry did their work well is attested by the present standing of the Grand Chapter and the marvelous progress of the last quarter-century testifies to the value of the lessons taught in our Chapters and to the faithfulness and wisdom of our Masonic forefathers.

"It is a well known truism that there is strength in numbers. Cognizant of that fact our officers have, in late years, planned and executed big undertakings; but it is fitting for us to recall the faith and vision of those pioneer Masons who had neither strength nor numbers to sustain them. Too great credit cannot be given to those noble men who laid so securely the foundations of this Grand Chapter and then put away the working tools of life and passed on to their eternal homes.

“Man dies and his substance passes to another; he performs his allotted tasks but in a few years his labor is forgotten and his name unknown.

“The memorial volume issued in connection with the fiftieth anniversary contains a complete account of the first fifty years of the Grand Chapter, and of the men who presided over its destinies. The volume to be published in connection with this anniversary will continue that record to the present, and in addition, that the present generation may know something about the customs and practices that prevailed at the time Capitular Masonry came into existence in Illinois, an effort has been made to assemble all the information concerning the work of the Chapters before the organization of the Grand Chapter. Every known record and early document has been examined and some information has been secured from other sources.

“Official records are usually uninteresting reading. Mere words oftentimes fail to convey to the mind a realization of the events that transpired in connection with the printed subject. To understand these old records a knowledge of the conditions existing at the time they were written is necessary. The first delegates to the Grand Chapter passed through many trials and vicissitudes that we of today neither know of nor understand. In the list of delegates present at the organization of the Grand Chapter one line reads—‘LaFayette No. 2—J. V. Z. Blaney.’ In reading that line how many of us would ever stop to consider the significance of that statement? It means that Companion Blaney either rode horseback through an almost unbroken wilderness, fording streams, and spending several days on the way, or that he journeyed to the Illinois river, thence travelled by boat to Meredosia and from there completed his trip to Springfield on the only railroad in the State.

“To attend this convocation I came up in a closed car over that magnificent cement highway for which the hills had been levelled and the low places filled to make straight the pathway of the king—the American citizen. As the miles rolled away behind us and as we crossed rivers as if they were not and passed through forests with their many colored turning autumn leaves, I thought of that other ride seventy-five years before from Chicago to Springfield and of the hardships and dangers encountered by our early Companions to perfect this organization that we might meet here tonight to enjoy the fruition of their labors. In the archives of the General Grand Chapter are several original documents but I will not take time to describe them as most of them will appear in the memorial volume, together with such extracts from the early minutes as it was thought would be interesting. A few of these records have been photographed and cuts of them will be shown.

"The majority of the original records have disappeared, but from those that remain and such original documents as are still in existence, a fairly comprehensive understanding of the beginnings of Capitular Masonry in Illinois may be had.

"A study of these old records will convince any one that our pioneer Companions were men of character and prominence in their respective communities; men who were faithful to Masonry and who believed in living up to their Masonic obligations.

"The magnificent organization that we now have stands as a monument to the unwearied labor and devotion of those olden time speculative Masons. Their voices are silent forever, but across that monument they have written for us the same message left to the world so many centuries ago by the unknown operative workman of ancient Egypt—'After me cometh a Builder. Tell him! O Man, that I too have known.'"

Chairman Lambert: The next number on the program is instrumental and will be rendered by the Cleora Miller Trio.

Chairman Lambert: The next companion who is to address you has served this Grand Chapter long, ably and faithfully. I do not know what he is going to talk about, but I know that when he speaks he always says something worth while.

The first time I looked in upon this Grand Chapter he was busy with his affairs, and he has been busy ever since.

I was in Edinboro, Scotland, last summer, at Kilwinning Lodge, the mother lodge, and Brother Stoddard of that lodge said to me, "Do you know a man in your country named Moulton, George Moulton, I think it is?" I admitted that I knew the brother. "Why," he said, "he was here last year at Kilwinning, and he made a good speech. He is a smart man." I did not take issue with the Scotchman, I didn't dare to, so I agreed with him that everything he said about Moulton was so, and Companions, if you were to go around the world you will find companion Moulton's tracks in a good many foreign countries, and they are not the tracks of a tender-foot, either.

Now, as he is so well known to this Grand Chapter, for me to assume to introduce him would seem like a joke. I am simply going to pronounce his name: Past Grand High Priest George M. Moulton.

Companion Moulton then spoke as follows:

“Companion Lambert and my Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. With the multitude of attractive features that have been presented here tonight for your edification and entertainment, I am impressed with the thought that anything that I might have to offer must of necessity be something in the nature of an anti-climax.

“By the gracious favor of the Committee on Arrangements for this memorable occasion, and the gentle, yet insistent, persuasion of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I am permitted to occupy your time, and I trust enlist your attention, to a rather brief address which might be considered as appropriate to the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter—a title which was always to my liking, because I firmly believe in the grandeur of our organization; that it is grand in fact as a characteristic, as well as grand in name to distinguish it from the subordinate units of which it is composed.

“I have felt strongly that this duty, for which I have been drafted, might be more appropriately assigned to the venerable dean of our past presiding officers, Companion George W. Curtiss, who thirty-eight years ago this month was duly installed and proclaimed as our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and who is further entitled to the distinction of being the dean of the Corps of Grand Representatives, having served continuously as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia since 1881, and is the sole survivor today of all his colleagues of that year who then composed the representative guild. It is eminently fitting that as an outstanding feature of this anniversary occasion, this tribute should be paid to the merit and worth of this dearly beloved Companion, who aside from being the patriarch among the chosen ones called to preside over the royal craft in this grand jurisdiction, has been the faithful and efficient custodian of our fiscal property during the past twenty-one years of the quarter-centennial period we are now assembled to celebrate with music and story in joy and gratitude for the manifold blessings and exceeding prosperity which by Divine guidance and goodness has been the good fortune of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

“It may be of interest to you, my Companions, as it surely is to me, that the present occasion is in the nature of a joint celebration of the diamond anniversary of the birth of our Grand Chapter and also that of your present orator. In September, 1850, the formation of this Grand Body was confirmed by the parent body, namely, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, Robert Pinckney Dunlap of Brunswick, Maine, being then the General Grand High Priest. The following March, six months later, your present orator began his earthly career which has

continued happily to the present time. It is not my intention to submit an autobiography and I shall limit my talk at this time to matters directly related to the rise and progress of our Grand Chapter. My membership in this august body and my sustained interest in its growth and accomplishments began in 1884, having in that year been elevated to the office of King in Corinthian Chapter. Since that time my interest has been lively and unabated in all that affected the best interest and welfare of this grand old organization of Capitular Masonry. Today marks the fortieth consecutive annual convocation at which my presence has been recorded. Of the Companions who were charter members, I have personal recollection only of two, James V. Z. Blaney and Harmon G. Reynolds, and my relations with them were insignificant owing to the disparity in age, and the fact that they were great Masonic leaders while I was but an humble and inconspicuous beginner in the Masonic field of endeavor.

“The semi-centennial anniversary of our Grand Chapter was celebrated in the Masonic Home Temple in this city with great eclat and general rejoicing on the evening of October 25, 1900, Companion Nathaniel Bowditch, the M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding. Of the thirty-two Companions, members of this Grand Chapter who were seated at the speaker's table on that occasion, only eight now survive, and the grim reaper Death has since gathered an all too bountiful harvest among the remaining four hundred who participated in that joyous occasion.

“My heart is saddened and grief-stricken when I reflect that an even score of our Past Grand High Priests who served this Grand Chapter prior to the semi-centennial anniversary of its formation have since that time passed on to the unknown life beyond the grave. For each and every one of these twenty distinguished Companions I retain the most vivid recollection and tender memories of their sweet friendship. Their good works were a helpful inspiration at all times to follow in their footsteps and profit by their example. Among them were some of my dearest personal friends. The same may be truly said of the nine of our Past Grand High Priests called to that high office since the year 1900, who have entered into eternal rest, and as I firmly believe the joy of never-ending paradise. It is the only shadow of gloom that hovers over this otherwise joyous occasion, that so many of our Companions have been taken from our midst by that final summons which comes to all mortals to enter into immortality. The nine Companions who were crowned with the highest official honor in our power to bestow during the quarter-centennial period now ending; and who have during that same period finished their labor on earth and entered into rest, are gone but not forgotten. We here and now pay loving tribute to their work and

worth. Let me recall their names to you in the order of their succession, each one of which will bring to your minds some tender memory of their presence and personality: Charles H. Patton, Robert L. McKinley, Marcus M. Lord, Monroe C. Crawford, Frederick E. Hoberg, John C. Hallenbeck, William C. Sommer, Frank Spencer and Andrew D. Webb.

"A quarter of a century has elapsed since the golden anniversary of the birth of our Grand Chapter, with its many phases of accomplishment and a record of uninterrupted prosperity, increase in all material features, and a strengthening of all beneficent activities, and its power for the betterment of mankind and human affairs. Silently, yet effectively, without the blare of trumpet or resounding clamor; yet continually and continuously our organization has performed its mission by inculcating the great tenets which we profess as Royal Arch Masons thereby in our respective spheres in life, becoming exemplars and exponents of a purer, nobler citizenship with high ideals and grand aspirations. The question is often raised in Masonic gatherings whether or not Freemasonry should be the medium through which many very desirable reforms might be effected in civic affairs, the administration of law and the preservation of order; and much oratory has been in evidence tending to create a sentiment towards that line of activity. Many suggestions have been eloquently presented at assemblies of the brethren that the institution of Freemasonry is lethargic towards the public welfare, and should become an active, energetic and aggressive factor in many lines of human endeavor to remedy existing evil conditions. To all such propositions, I say emphatically turn from them. Efforts of this kind to bring masonry as an institution into the adjustment of civil affairs, or to engage in any definite plan of action to regulate or influence governmental functions would inevitably create discord, jealousy and bitter feeling, if not hatred, among the brethren, instead of that spirit of harmony which is most to be desired and which is 'the strength and support of all institutions, especially ours.' All that is ideal and desirable would be lost in such a conflict and the good name of Masonry would be tarnished irreparably.

"The true mission of Freemasonry can only be accomplished by the upbuilding of individual character which shall be reflected in the daily life and conduct of the members of our Order. It must not be involved in controversies affecting religion or politics. Principles unite people but policies divide them. Let us adhere to those principles on which all intelligent men of every country, race, sect or opinion can unite and avoid any proposition to enlist our institution for or against any policy or public movement regarding which there may exist an honest difference of opinion among citizens. Let us improve ourselves and strive in all our relations with the

world to act uprightly, cultivate the four cardinal virtues, living our lives in accord with the universally acknowledged standards of morality. Such examples will reflect their beneficent influence in the home and the community. We thus become a potent force in the betterment of human affairs and relations. The individual is the unit of society and the home is the unit of the nation. Constant effort to raise the standard of morality and clean living will ultimately result in all that the most sanguine and consistent advocate of Masonic influence in public affairs could reasonably desire, and without the dissention and intemperate discussion of conflicting ideas which frequently characterize questions of public policy.

“Know thyself and improve thyself. By so doing all others with whom you come in contact will share in the beneficial result, and they in return will become examples for others to follow. The millenium is yet far distant when truth shall be universally supreme and deception in any form shall be impossible, but I have faith to believe that this is the ultimate accomplishments of God’s plan for the universe. Let us lend ourselves as willing and earnest workers in this service to the end that Heaven, which now is concealed from mortal vision, and exists by faith alone, shall become a reality which can be humanly recognized and enjoyed by God’s children where-soever dispersed throughout the world.

“At the initial convocation of Royal Arch Masons held at Springfield, in April, 1850, there were but six chapters represented when it was resolved to form a Grand Chapter, and adjournment had to meet at Alton in October, 1850, at which convocation only four chapters were represented. At the annual convocation held at Jacksonville in October, 1851, the record shows ten chartered chapters and one U. D. duly represented, the combined membership of these chapters being only three hundred and seventy-one.

“At the golden anniversary of the birth of our Grand Chapter in 1900 there were represented in the annual convocation of that year one hundred and eighty-seven Chartered Chapters with a combined membership of seventeen thousand five hundred and thirty-four.

“At this, the diamond anniversary, the official returns show two hundred thirty-seven active Chapters with a total membership of eighty-six thousand four hundred and ten, an increase of nearly five hundred per cent during the past twenty-five years. In 1900 our Grand Chapter was third in numerical strength compared with the other Grand Chapters in this country, yielding supremacy only to the Grand Chapters of New York and Pennsylvania. Today, and for some years last past, this Grand Royal Arch Chapter stands supreme as the largest State Grand Chapter in all the world in numerical strength; the peer of any and superior to many in material

wealth, and its influence for the propagation and dissemination of the principles and the teachings embraced in the system of Capitular Masonry and in the exemplification of the three great tenets of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.**

“At the annual convocation of this Grand Chapter held in 1917, the constitution and by-laws in their present form were adopted. That the work of the committee on revision of the code was thorough and adequate is quite evident from the few and comparatively unimportant requisitions since made for new law or interpretations of the old. Our code in its present form may well be claimed as a model of completeness, correct and concise, yet comprehensive.

“One of the far-reaching provisions significant of a forward movement is reflected in the sections numbered 220-221-222 relative to nomenclature designed to nullify the gradual insidious growth of an aristocracy in ancient craft Masonry in its several branches as exemplified in Lodge, Chapter and Council. If Masons be divided into classes, and some designated as Worshipful brethren, others as Right or Most Worshipful brethren, Excellent Companions and Right or Most Excellent Companions, while the great multitude are merely classed as brethren or companions, such procedure would most assuredly be an innovation in the original plan of Masonry. The ancient charges require that Masons should call each other brother, and that all Masons ‘are brethren upon the same level.’ At the bar of justice all men of whatever rank or station are equal before the law and alike amenable to the laws of the nation in which they reside. At the altar of Freemasonry, all men are God’s children in the brotherhood of man and equal in the sight of our Heavenly Father. Elevation to office temporarily does not add one whit to the personality or character of Brother or Companion merely because the official station with which he has been honored is traditionally held in high regard and qualified by an honorary title indicative of its comparative rank. Even though this recognition of an officer and his rank which by time honored custom is almost universal among state Grand Chapters and in explicit terms is permitted by the regulations of the General Grand Chapter, that august body clearly reflects its adverse attitude towards the use of honorary titles in the following terse statement quoted verbatim from the Digest of Decisions rendered for the government of its constituent units: ‘The title of all officers of the General Grand Chapter is Companion.’

“Some Companions must of necessity be elevated to official rank and station and there must be grades of authority in order to obtain harmony and efficiency in administration. Such preferments, however, are transitory, and retirement from such temporary elevation automatically reduces the Com-

panion thus so honored to that relationship with his Companions which is found in the reply to the ritualistic inquiry, 'How should Masons meet?' to which there is but one answer, 'on the level'. All distinctions of wealth, civil rank and honor, are or should be levelled in Masonic intercourse. The prince and the peasant, the plutocrat and the plebian, are as one in the sight of God, and the mantle of Freemasonry fits each with precision.

"If you are sufficiently interested in this subject of titular nomenclature your attention is fraternally invited to the address of the Most Excellent President of the Grand Council of the Holy Order of High Priesthood, which may be found on pages 195-197 of the 1915 Proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

"The most prominent accomplishment during the past quarter-centennial period by this grand organization of Royal Arch Masons to which we yield our willing and affectionate allegiance is the measure of support extended to our Masonic mother, the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Illinois in the superlative relief work which is being now conducted under its auspices and control. At the annual convocation of our Grand Chapter held in 1912 a resolution was adopted whereby a Committee on Charities was constituted consisting of Companions H. H. Montgomery, Joseph E. Dyas, and Alexander H. Bell, whose problem was to submit some plan whereby the Grand Chapter might engage with its wealth and work in some form of practical beneficence. The following year this committee in its report, proposed to establish an hospital for the relief of dependent Masons incapacitated by disease or bodily ailments, and recommended the immediate appropriation of \$50,000 as a donation to the Grand Lodge for this purpose, with further recommendation than an annual appropriation of \$5,000 should thereafter be made for the upkeep and maintenance of the institution. This report and recommendation was adopted and the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital erected at Sullivan, Illinois, in connection with the Masonic Home for the Aged, was the splendid outcome of this action by our Grand Chapter. It was a most magnificent demonstration of practical beneficence and Masonic principles. The structure was completed and dedicated with impressive exercises and ceremony on July 5, 1915, in the presence of the largest concourse of Royal Arch Masons that ever assembled in the history of the Royal Craft. More than half the Chapters of the state were represented. The parade extended for two miles. Numerous bands and ten quartettes added to the splendor of the occasion. Inspiring and appropriate addresses were delivered by the M. W. Grand Master, the M. E. Grand High Priest, and other prominent craftsmen. It was truly a day of rejoicing because of the glorious undertaking which resulted from the noble thought and generous impulse which found expression two years before in this Grand Chapter. The ultimate benefit

is incalculable. The Royal Arch Memorial Hospital is the crowning glory of the Royal Craft in Illinois, reference to which forms a fitting conclusion to this anniversary address.

"Twenty-five years hence the centennial celebration of the formation of this Grand Chapter will undoubtedly be an event of magnitude and splendor and celebrated in fitting manner with appropriate exercises. Some who are here today will be present then, but the large majority who are privileged to enjoy the present occasion will have been called from labor to refreshment for the last time in this earthly tabernacle. To those who remain, together with the countless hosts that will hereafter be received as co-workers in the field of Masonic endeavor, is entrusted a precious and priceless heritage, bequeathed by our illustrious predecessors. Our founders planned wisely, and their followers have builded well. So long as the supreme ruler of the universe grants us health and strength, let us go forward with high resolve and noble purpose, animated with greater aspiration for grander accomplishment in the future.

Chairman Lambert: This closes the program, Companions, and I thank you and bid you all good night.

